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On What To Say SheHecheyanu

Say she'hecheyanu on any item that you acquire through any of the following means, as long as the item gives you pleasure:

- Gifts.
- Purchases you made.
- Used items that you acquire.

NOTE If the item would be desirable or a luxury to other people, but it is not to you, or if it only has value to you as a useful item, do not say she'hecheyanu.

NOTE From Richard Aiken --I said she'hecheyanu on my scuba diving equipment and on my paragliders, the first time I used them.)

Items on Which Women Say SheHecheyanu

Women say she'hecheyanu on:

- Engagement rings but not on wedding rings.
- Valuable candlesticks.

Items on Which Men Say SheHecheyanu

Men say she'hecheyanu on a new talit. Do not say she'hecheyanu on tefilin.

SheHecheyanu and Attire

The only items of attire that get a she'hecheyanu blessing are those that are worn for enjoyment or importance. These are both subjective: If you don't enjoy new clothes, don't say she'hecheyanu over them.

NOTE She'hecheyanu is not said on shoes.

SheHecheyanu: House or Apartment

Say she'hecheyanu on a house, condominium, apartment, or other accommodation that you buy. Don't say she'hecheyanu on a house or apartment that you are renting.

NOTE If you are married (or living there with any other family members), say ha'tov v'ha'meitiv instead of she'hecheyanu.

SHEHECHEYANU: ACQUISITIONS: WHEN TO BLESS

SheHecheyanu: Acquisitions: When You May Say

You may say she'hecheyanu as long as you still feel the exhilaration of having or using the new item (ideally, say the blessing when you purchase the item or receive it as a gift.).

SheHecheyanu: Acquisitions: When To Bless over New Home

If you buy a house, condominium, apartment, or other accommodation, say she'hecheyanu:

- When you buy it, if it is ready to move in when you buy it (if you will live there by yourself).
- When you move in, if it is not ready to move in when you buy it (if you will live there by yourself).

NOTE If you are married, say ha'tov v'ha'meitiv instead of she'hecheyanu.

