

Seventeenth of Tamuz to Tish'a B'Av: Three Stages of Mourning

Before Tish'a b'Av we are in a type of mourning so the laws are similar to mourning for a parent.

There are three stages:

The “Three Weeks”: The least severe stage starts three weeks preceding the Ninth of Av

The “Nine Days”: The next-most severe stage begins on Rosh Chodesh Av.

“Week” of Tish'a b'Av: The most severe mourning is during the “week” of Tish'a b'Av (beginning after Shabbat preceding Tish'a b'Av).