

## **Haircuts/cutting nails on Rosh Chodesh**

- R' Yehuda Hachasid wrote in his last will and testament that there should be no haircuts, shaving or cutting nails on Rosh Chodesh, presumably because of sakana.
- This is not brought down in Shulchan Aruch.
- Therefore there are many variations in how to keep this minhag. Some say it's because of sakana. Some have adopted this minhag and some have not.
- Even amongst those that have adopted it, there are many who don't keep it when Rosh Chodesh falls out on a Friday.
- There are opinions that it doesn't apply to the nights of Rosh Chodesh only the days.
- There are opinions that it doesn't apply to the first day of Rosh Chodesh.
- There are opinions that this doesn't apply to cutting nails.
- Some say it doesn't apply to women.
- If you don't have a specific minhag then you can rely on these opinions.