KADDISH: HOW OFTEN TO SAY

Kaddish Frequency: Needs of Dead Person

Each dead person needs kaddish to be said for him or her:

• By at least one person.

NOTE If more than one person who was close to the dead person (such as a relative) says *kaddish*, it is a merit for the soul of the dead person.

• At least once a day.

NOTE More frequently is commendable, since *kaddish* relieves a dead person's soul from *gehenna*.

Kaddish Frequency: Requirements of Sons

Each son age 6 and above is required to say kaddish for his dead parent at least once a day.

NOTE "Day" here means from dark until the following sunset. If you say *kaddish* at *mincha* and the following *ma'ariy*, you have covered two days.

Saying Kaddish Multiple Times

Even though saying *kaddish* many times benefits the dead person's soul, there is no need--nor is it the custom--to attend multiple minyans each day in order to say *kaddish* for a dead person many times.

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