# SHIV'A (AND SHLOSHIM): TIMING

## WHEN SHIV'A (AND SHLOSHIM) STARTS

#### When Shiv'a (and Shloshim) Starts: Normal Days

Shiv'a (and shloshim) starts for a mourner who:

- Attends funeral: After the burial.
- Will not attend funeral and is a(n):
  - Non-Onen: Immediately upon hearing news of the death.
  - *Onen*: As soon as the *onen* has nothing (more) to do with the funeral.

NOTE Family members may observe *shiv'a* at different starting and ending times.

## When Shiv'a (and Shloshim) Starts: Jewish Festivals

For someone who dies during <u>Rosh Hashana</u>, <u>Yom Kippur</u>, or any of the three <u>Jewish festivals</u>, the mourning period does not start until after the holiday has ended.

## HOW LONG SHIV'A (AND SHLOSHIM) LASTS

#### **Duration of Shiv'a (and Shloshim)**

<u>Shiv'a</u> lasts seven days. <u>Shloshim</u> lasts 30 days, beginning with Day 1 of <u>shiv'a</u>. There may be some exceptions if <u>shiv'a</u> occurs before or during festivals.

NOTE Any part of the first day is considered to be one full day. On the final day after *shacharit*, the mourners finish *shiv'a*, so *shiv'a* can actually last as little as 5 ½ calendar days.

# WHEN SHIV'A RESUMES

## When Shiv'a Resumes: Shabbat

Shiv'a that is interrupted by Shabbat resumes Sunday morning.

### When Shiv'a Resumes: Jewish Festival

Shiv'a that is interrupted by a Jewish festival does not resume after being interrupted.

## When Shiv'a Resumes: Purim

Shiva is interrupted for <u>Purim</u> and resumes (except on shiv'a's 7th day) after <u>Purim</u> (or, in Jerusalem, after Shushan Purim).

#### When Shiv'a Resumes: Chanuka

Shiva is not interrupted for Chanuka.

### When Shiv'a Resumes: Rosh Chodesh

Shiva is not interrupted for Rosh Chodesh.

### WHEN SHIV'A ENDS

## When Shiv'a Ends: Onen

An *onen* ends *shiv'a* (and *shloshim*) with the household head ("*gadol ha'bayit*"--whoever controls the money in that household)—even if the household head begins *shiv'a* before burial and the *onen* joins the *shiv'a* house after burial.

When Shiv'a Ends: Non-Onen Who Finds Out Later

If you do not hear about someone's death for 30 days after the person died, observe just one day of <u>shiv'a</u>. If you hear in less than 30 days, observe the regular seven-day <u>shiv'a</u>.

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