Mourners Leading a Minyan

The dead person benefits if his/her son or sons lead public prayer services, whether during *shloshim* or the entire year (11 or 12 months). However, if the mourner is uncomfortable leading the *minyan* or is not a good reader or will be embarrassed, he should not feel obligated to do so.

A mourner does not lead a *minyan* on:

- *Shabbat*;
- *Jewish Festivals* (including *chol ha'moed*);
- *Purim*;
- *Rosh Chodesh*.

Opinions differ concerning *Chanuka*, so follow your local custom.

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