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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