## KADDISH: FOR WHOM TO SAY

## **Kaddish for Parents/Exceptions**

Mourner's <u>kaddish</u> is only supposed to be said for parents, unless no one else is saying <u>kaddish</u> for the dead person. If both your parents are still alive, you may not say mourner's <u>kaddish</u> for someone else unless you get your parents' permission.

## **Kaddish for Relatives Other than Parents**

If you wish, you may say mourner's <u>kaddish</u> for family members other than parents, especially during <u>shloshim</u> (the first 30 days after burial), since the first 30 days after death are the most difficult for the dead person's soul.

However, you may say <u>kaddish</u> for anyone even after <u>shloshim</u> ends, if you wish, until the end of 11 months (for a <u>shomer-mitzvot</u> person) or 12 months (for a non-<u>shomer mitzvot</u> person. But in a place where only one person says <u>kaddish</u>, you may not supplant another person who is halachically required to say <u>kaddish</u>.

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