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 *Rosh Hashana*, *Yom Kippur*, or any of the three *Jewish festivals*, 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)

Shiv'a lasts seven days. *Shloshim* lasts 30 days, beginning with Day 1 of *shiv'a*. There may be some exceptions if *shiv'a* 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 *Purim* and resumes (except on *shiv'a's* 7th day) after *Purim* (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 *shiv'a*. If you hear in less than 30 days, observe the regular seven-day *shiv'a*.

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