

# GLOSSARY OF JEWISH DEATH RITUALS

RITUALS	PRACTICES	FUNCTION/PURPOSE
 <p><b>VIDUI</b></p>	<p><b>RECITATION OF DEATHBED CONFESSION</b></p> <p><b>ENDS WITH SHEMA YISRAEL PRAYER</b></p>	<p><b>PROVIDES COMFORT TO FAMILY</b></p> <p><b>HELPS “SOUL” LEAVE THE BODY</b></p>
 <p><b>HEVRA KADDISHA</b></p>	<p><b>TRADITIONAL PREPARATION OF BODY FOR BURIAL</b></p> <p><b>SHEMIRAH/WATCHING TAHARA/WASHING TACHRICHIN/SHROUDS</b></p>	<p><b>SACRED PREPARATION OF BODY</b></p> <p><b>AFFIRMS SIMPLICITY IN BURIAL</b></p>
 <p><b>ANINUT</b></p>	<p><b>HYPER-ACUTE TIME OF GRIEF BEFORE BURIAL</b></p> <p><b>SUSPENSION OF RELIGIOUS OBLIGATIONS</b></p>	<p><b>DEAL WITH CRISIS OF DEATH</b></p> <p><b>FOCUS ON PREPARING FOR BURIAL</b></p>
 <p><b>LEVIYAH</b></p>	<p><b>FUNERAL SOON AS POSSIBLE -&gt; 24-48 HOURS</b></p> <p><b>NO CREMATION (EXCEPT REFORM)</b></p> <p><b>SIMPLICITY IN BURIAL</b></p> <p><b>KRIYAH - CUTTING RIBBON</b></p> <p><b>ARON - PLAIN PINE BOX</b></p>	<p><b>HONOR LIFE OF DECEASED</b></p> <p><b>COMFORT MOURNERS</b></p> <p><b>PROVIDE COMMUNITY SUPPORT</b></p>
 <p><b>KEVURAH</b></p>	<p><b>ESCORT COFFIN TO GRAVESITE</b></p> <p><b>SHOVEL DIRT ON COFFIN</b></p> <p><b>FORM TWO ROWS AS MOURNERS LEAVE CEMETERY</b></p> <p><b>MAY GOD COMFORT YOU AMONG THE MOURNERS OF ZION AND JERUSALEM</b></p>	<p><b>BURY BODY</b></p> <p><b>SAY GOODBYE</b></p> <p><b>ACCEPT REALITY OF DEATH</b></p> <p><b>PROVIDE COMMUNITY SUPPORT</b></p>

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 <p><b>SHIVA</b></p>	<p><b>SEVEN DAYS OF MOURNING TAKES PLACE IN COMMUNITY</b></p> <p><i>FOR PRIMARY FAMILY MEMBERS:</i></p> <p><b>LOW STOOLS DAILY PRAYERS MIRRORS COVERED NO MUSIC, OR JOYOUS ACTIVITIES</b></p>	<p><b>FORMALLY BEGIN MOURNING</b></p> <p><b>REMEMBER THE DECEASED</b></p> <p><b>COMFORT FAMILY MEMBERS</b></p> <p><b>CATHARSIS OF GRIEF</b></p> <p><b>WRESTLE WITH LOSS</b></p> <p><b>GET COMMUNITY SUPPORT</b></p>
 <p><b>SHLOSHIM</b></p>	<p><b>END OF FIRST THIRTY DAYS OF MOURNING AFTER BURIAL</b></p> <p><b>LESSENING OF RESTRICTIONS</b></p> <p><b>AT 30 DAYS TRADITIONAL TO STUDY IN HONOR OF DECEASED</b></p>	<p><b>TIME OF INTENSE OF GRIEF</b></p> <p><b>GRADUAL ADJUSTMENT TO LOSS</b></p>
 <p><b>KADDISH</b></p>	<p><b>11 MONTHS OF DAILY RECITATION OF SPECIAL MOURNERS KADDISH</b></p> <p><b>RESTRICTIONS ON JOYOUS ACTIVITIES</b></p>	<p><b>MOURN IN COMMUNITY</b></p> <p><b>CATHARSIS OF EMOTIONS</b></p> <p><b>GRADUAL RE-ADJUSTMENT</b></p> <p><b>SLOW ACCEPTANCE OF DEATH</b></p> <p><b>FIND MEANING IN DEATH</b></p> <p><b>“KADDISH COLLEGE”</b></p>
 <p><b>Yahrzeit</b></p>	<p><b>ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH</b></p> <p><b>LIGHTING OF YAHRZEIT CANDLE</b></p> <p><b>SAYING MEMORIAL KADDISH</b></p> <p><b>GIVING OF TZEDAKAH</b></p>	<p><b>HONOR MEMORY OF DECEASED</b></p> <p><b>ACKNOWLEDGE PASSING OF YEAR(S)</b></p>
 <p><b>YIZKOR</b></p>	<p><b>MEMORIAL PRAYERS &amp; KADDISH RECITED ON YOM KIPPUR, AND 3 PILGRIMAGE FESTIVALS OF SUKKOT; PASSOVER; SHAVUOT</b></p> <p><b>MEMORIAL CANDLE LIT</b></p>	<p><b>REMEMBER DECEASED</b></p> <p><b>ETERNAL MEMORY</b></p> <p><b>DECEASED BECOME INTERCESSORS &amp; GUIDES</b></p>