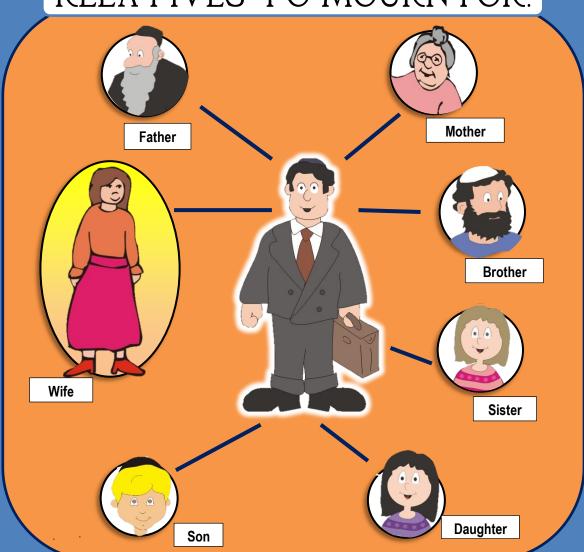




# Inside the Daf

In Jewish law there are seven people one must mourn for. See the diagram below to learn who these seven people are.

## RELATIVES TO MOURN FOR:

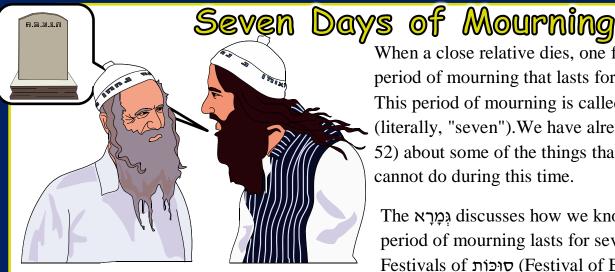




#### Did You Know...

The Sages say, if a close relative is buried even only an hour before a Festival, the seven day period of mourning ("שָׁבְּעָה") is cancelled.





When a close relative dies, one first observes a period of mourning that lasts for seven days. This period of mourning is called, "שָבַעָה" (literally, "seven"). We have already learned (pg. 52) about some of the things that a mourner cannot do during this time.

The גְּמֵרָא discusses how we know that this period of mourning lasts for seven days. The Festivals of סוכות (Festival of Booths) and פַּטָח

each last seven days. If they will be turned into mourning, then a period of mourning is seven days.

The אָמֵרָא questions this by noting that שבועות (Festival of Weeks) is only one day long (in the Land of Israel). Perhaps then the period of mourning should last only one day!

The גמרא answers that, indeed, sometimes mourning does last for only one day. If one found out about a close relative's death long after it happened, the mourning period lasts for only a day.

## A מדות Moment

"Hey Jonah, did you hear that Frederick's grandfather died?" asked Yoni.

"No," said Jonah. "I don't really know Frederick so well, so I don't know if I should say anything to him about it."

"I think you should still say you feel sorry to him," said Yoni. "It's like something I learned in daf yomi. The Sages say if one's father-inlaw or mother-in-law died, one mourns for him or her even though in-laws are not one of the seven relatives one must mourn over. It is important for a man to share in his wife's sorrow. When someone is suffering, it is important to show sympathy."

## **Games**

| Can | you identij | 'v these 7 | people | you h | ave to | mourn t | for: |
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|     |             |            |        |       |        |         |      |

| Co | an you identify these 7 people you have to mourn for: |
|----|---|
| 1. | I am your uncle's brother                             |
| 2. | I am your mother-in-law's daughter                    |
| 3. | I am your cousin's aunt                               |
| 4. | Your grandfather's grandson                           |
| 5. | Your parents' daughter                                |
| 6. | Your daughter's brother                               |
| 7. | Your wife's daughter                                  |

#### Review Questions - 'מוֹעֵד קטַן דַּף כ'

| <ol> <li>Who are the</li> </ol> | seven re | elatives that | one must | mourn over? |
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|                                 |          |               |          |             |

- 2. How long is the first period of mourning for the death of a close relative?
- 3. When would one have to mourn for only one day instead of for seven?