

## Mourning Obligation

Ref: *Sefer Shoftim, Hilchot Evel, Chapters 1–2*


### **Reminder:**

Pack on Mourning.  
Pack on Inheritance



 | To mourn for one's close relatives when they die<sup>1</sup>.


*Deoraita* mourning is for **1 day**

 | *Mosheh Misinai* – Mourning is for **7 days**

Mourning starts on day that grave is covered, or in exceptional cases where relatives despair of retrieving the corpse.

	Mourning	Explanation
Majority of corpse plus head remains	✓	
Stillborn infants	×	Nor any foetus that does not live for <b>30 days</b>
Dies on day of birth	✓	Full term of pregnancy occurred
Stillborn after full term pregnancy	×	
Executed by government	✓	
Executed by <i>Sanhedrin</i>	×	
<i>Apikorsim, Mamrim Mosrin</i>	×	Jews who go against their own people
Commits suicide	×	This issue is delicate and nowadays, one does not investigate i.e. mourning does take place

### RELATIVES FOR WHOM ONE IS OBLIGATED TO MOURN.

- Mother
- Father
- Son
- Daughter
- Paternal brother
- Paternal sister
-  • Wife (*Derabanan*)
- Maternal brother
- Maternal sister

### **Reminder:**

Pack on Lineage



	Mourning	Explanation
Child by a maidservant	×	
Child by a Gentile	×	
Convert	×	Considered that no ties to natural parents
Freed servant	×	Considered as new-born
Wife's relatives	×	For her father and mother, husband mourns with wife only in her presence.

This differs for *Kohanim* (Priests)