

## From right after the funeral to the beginning of *Shiva*

### A. The route back home

1. If possible, a different route should be taken when going home (different than the one used to go to the cemetery).

### B. Eating and drinking

2. After the burial, the *Aveilim* may not eat or drink prior to *Seudas Havro'o* (See below in the *Seudas Havro'o* section).

### C. Washing hands

3. Before entering a home, the hands have to be washed *Netilas Yodayim* like in the morning.
4. After washing, the *kvort* (or utensil) that was used for washing is placed upside down.
5. The hands are not dried (with a towel etc.) rather you wait until they dry.
6. In Montefiore cemetery the hands should not be washed next to the office at the main entrance (as that sink is within the walls of the cemetery).

### D. After the burial:

7. **Candles:** Ascertain that there is a *Yorzeit licht* lit for the duration of *Shiva* and five candles for *davening*.
8. **Birchois Hashachar:** If the deceased died before the *Aveilim* woke up in the morning, the *Aveilim* **do not** say *Birchois Hashachar* later in the day (the Alter Rebbe says it's a *Brocho Levatolo*). However, if the *Aveilim* woke and it was before the deceased passed away, if they didn't say *Birchois Hashachar* in the morning they say it now.
9. **Birchas Hatora** is said regardless. *Birchas Hatora* means the three *brochois* of "Al Divrei Torah", "Vehaarev" and "Asher Bochar Bonu etc."
10. **Krias Shma:** [If the burial commenced before the end of the time of *Krias Shma*, the "Birchas Hatora" are said immediately followed by *Krias Shma* with its blessings. However] if the burial took place after the time of *Krias Shma*, only the *Shema* is recited but not its blessings.
11. **Talis:** the *Aveilim* put on a *Talis* and make the *Brocho*.
12. **Tefillin:** *Minhag Chabad* is, to go in a side room and put on *Tefillin* discretely. If there is still time to *Daven Shacharis*, they do so also.
13. If the time for *Shacharis* has expired, they don't need to *Daven Mincha* twice.
14. **Rosh Chodesh and Chol Hamoed:** *Musaf* is recited until the evening.

### E. *Seudas Havro'o* (the first meal)

15. **Who supplies the *Seudah*:** This meal it is a *Mitzva* that it be brought by neighbors and/or friends. *Aveilim* may not eat the first meal from their own food.

16. Men bring to men and women bring to women. If there are *Aveilim* both men and women, then anyone can bring for everybody.
17. The meal consists of *Hamotzie* bagels and hard boiled eggs and drinks (any, even wine).
18. **Not in the city of the funeral:** All of these details apply also to someone who just found out that he has to sit Shiva, and is not going to the funeral but it is within seven days of the burial.

**F. The actual *Seudah*** (See below par. G the days when the *seudah* is different):

19. **Havdoloh of Motzoei Shabbos:** If the meal takes place on Sunday, Monday or Tuesday and the *Aveilim* did not yet hear *Havdolo*, it is recited now, without the *B'somim* nor the candle. The wine of *Havdolo* may belong to the *Aveilim* and does not need to be brought by the neighbors or friends. [If one of the *Aveilim* makes *Havdolo*, he starts from "*Savri moronon*"]. [For *Havdoloh* of after *YomTov* - ask the Rov].
20. **Netilas Yodaim:** The *Aveilim* wash for this *Seudah*.
21. **Zimun:** They may sit in groups but each group should have less than ten men so the *Zimun* will not be with "*Elokeinu*". Therefore, if there are less than ten they may have a *zimun*.
22. **Low chairs:** It is eaten when seated on a low stool (besides for *Chol Hamoed* and *Purim*).
23. **Handing over:** There is a custom to give the bagel in the hands of the *Aveilim* (which is not done during the year).
24. **Peeling the eggs:** The *Aveilim* do not peel the egg by themselves rather it is done by someone else.
25. **Eating other things:** After the *Aveilim* ate the bagel and eggs, they may eat other things.
26. **Meat and wine:** The *Aveilim* may eat meat and drink wine (but not to get drunk on it).
27. **Forgot to eat the *Seudas Havro'o*:** If someone forgot, and ate of his own before *Seudas Havro'o* he does not need to have *Seudas Havro'o*.
28. If no one brought *Seudas Havro'o*, or the *Ovel* is alone in the city, he may eat of his own food.

**G. Specific days that *Seudas Havro'o* is different**

29. **Erev Shabbos and Erev Yomtov:** The *seudah* is done only until the 9<sup>th</sup> hour of the day. (If it's afterwards – the neighbors bring some food (fruit, *mezonos* etc. but not a *Seudah*)).
30. **Rosh Chodesh:** Regular *Seudas Havro'o*.
31. **Chol Hamoed:** It is eaten at the table (not a low stool) and no eggs just *Mezonos* and coffee. On *Pesach* use *Matzo*.
32. **On a fast day:** No *Seudas Havro'o*. If the *Ovel* cannot fast he may eat of his own food.
33. **Chanukah:** Regular *Seudas Havro'o*
34. **Purim:** *Seudas Havro'o* is with bagels, meat and wine (no eggs).
35. **Erev Pesach:** *Seudas Havro'o* is served only until the *zman* of *issur chometz*. (Afterwards – see *Erev Yomtov* above).
36. If it is not on the day of the burial – call the *Rov* for instructions.

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