

When Yomtov nullifies (cuts short) the Shiva

1. The *Halacho* is that *Shiva* is observed for seven days. However, when *YomTov* occurs in the middle of *Shiva*, *Shiva* ends at the beginning of *YomTov*. Even if the funeral took place on *Erev Yomtov* in the afternoon and *Shiva* was observed for a few minutes, *Shiva* ends at the beginning of *Yomtov*.
2. The *Yomim Tovim* that cut *Shiva* short are: *Rosh Hashono*, *Yom Kippur*, *Sukkos*, *Pesach* and *Shovuos*.

Below are the *Halochois* in regards to to *Pesach* that cuts short *Shiva*:

3. **Selling *Chometz*:** The *Ovel* (mourner) may sell his *Chometz* during *Shiva* from home. This is not considered "doing business".
4. ***Bedikas Chometz*:** The *Ovel* may perform *Bedikas Chometz* in his home. If he has other places that require *Bedikas Chometz*, he should send a *Shliach* to perform it.
5. ***Siyum of Erev Pesach*:** If the *Siyum* is performed in the *Ovel's* home, he may participate. However, if he wants to make a *Siyum* or participate in a *Siyum* outside of his home, he has to wait until after *Chatzos* (midday).
6. ***Biur Chometz*:** The *Ovel* should either make a fire outside his home, or he should discard the *Chometz* in the toilet (in small quantities as not to cause a clog), or he can put some bleach (or detergent) on it and put it in the garbage. Then he says the *Kol Chamira* and the *Yehi Rotzon*.
7. ***Aveilus is over at Chatzos*** (-midday, see the local calendar) and unlike in a regular *Shiva*, there is no need to tell the *Aveilim* to get up etc.
8. (At some point, the nail will be knocked in the floor, the *Aveilim* will go around the block and go into the store of a non-Jew to buy something and leave the change).

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