

THE END OF LIFE

“May G-d comfort you among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem” (Talmud)

המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים



In Judaism, respect for the dead is very important.

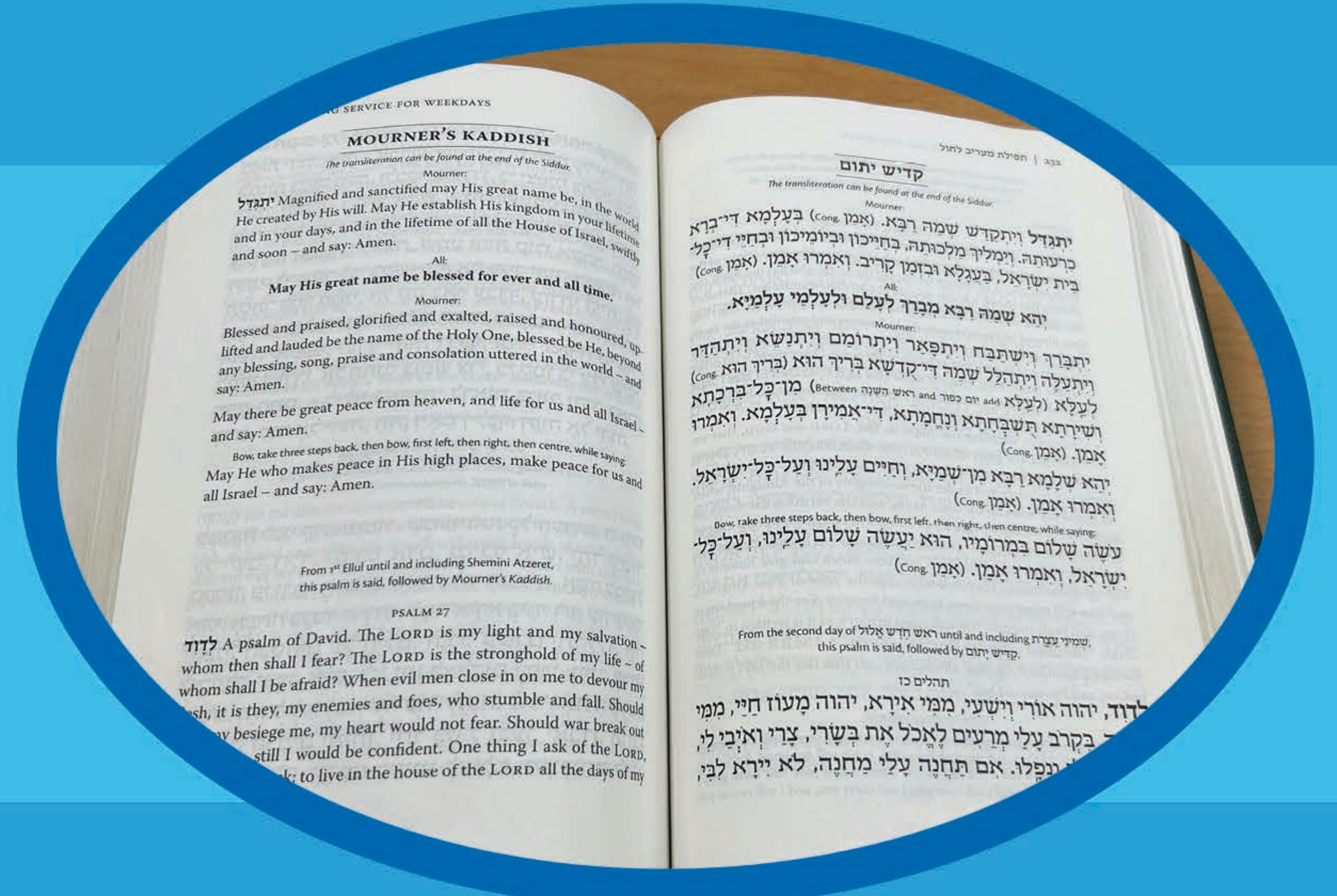
Burial takes place as soon as possible after death, if possible within a day.



For seven days after the funeral, the closest relatives sit *shiva* at home. *Shiva* means 'seven'. Family and friends visit to comfort the mourners, bring them meals and join in with prayer services which are held in the home.



During the first year, close family attend services to say *Kaddish*, a prayer recognising the divine will, in memory of the deceased.



Within the first year after the funeral, a tombstone is set on the grave.



Every year, on the anniversary of the death (*Yahrzeit*) the close family members light a memorial candle to remember them and recite the mourner's *Kaddish* prayer.

