

shiv'ah - a Jewish custom. Seven days of mourning after the death of a close family member. Traditionally, there are five stages of mourning in Judaism. shiv'ah is considered the third stage and lasts for seven days.

My mother died seven days before the New Year's Eve, during these seven days we sat shiv'ah in her house mourning her memory, seven days representing a person's entire life. In those days, as a new year was approaching, the inevitable reincarnation of life was clearly present, Consuming Grief blended with cautious optimism in a ghostly house in which the shadows of life and death sat together, and so I decided to document those feelings of grief and to create this project.