FINISHING AMIDA BEFORE KEDUSHA

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If you arrive late for any *minyan* (except *ma'ariv*) that is about to start the *amida*, try to finish saying your *amida* before the leader gets to *kedusha*, if you can.
If you know you will not be able to finish your *amida* in time to say *kedusha* with the *minyan:*

- Wait for the leader to start the repetition of the *amida*.
- Say the repetition of the *amida* word for word with the leader, including *kedusha*, until the end of the third blessing (*ha'el ha'kadosh*).
- Once you and he have both finished saying the third blessing, you may continue at your own pace regardless of whether you will finish before or after him.

If for any reason you have not yet finished saying your *amida* by the time the leader begins saying the reader's repetition, do not say *amen* or any other replies to the prayer leader's repetition. However, when he begins to say *kedusha* or *kaddish*:

- Pause in your own *amida* and listen without answering or saying anything.
- Once the leader has finished *kedusha* (that is, he has said *baruch kevod adonai mi'mkomo)* or *kaddish* (that is, he has said *da'amiran be'alma v'imru amen*), resume your private *amida*.

EXCEPTION NOTE — See Responding to Prayer Leader before Elohai Netzur.
For *ma'ariv*, if you arrive late and the *minyan* is about to start the *amida*, do not say *shema* and the other prayers that precede the *amida* but start immediately so you say your *amida* with the *minyan* and then return to say the parts you skipped.

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