Prayers that Require a Minyan

Although it is preferable to join a *minyan* whenever possible, prayer services may be said without a *minyan*. However, certain prayers may be said (or omitted) only with a *minyan* present:

- Bar'chu (morning and night),
- The word "Eloheinu" in the birkat ha'mazon introduction,
- Kaddish,
- Kedusha,
- Reader's repetition of the amida,
- Sheva brachot (the seven blessings) at a wedding,
- Sheva brachot during the week following the wedding,
- 13 midot in selichot,
- Torah reading if there will be aliyot, and
- Skipping the three introductory words for the *shema*.

NOTE A minyan is preferable but not required for a circumcision.

© Copyright 2025 Richard B. Aiken | www.practicalhalacha.com