Interrupting Your Amida To Say Amen

When saying the <u>amida</u> yourself, do not say <u>amen</u> or any other replies to the prayer leader's repetition. If he says *kedusha* or *kaddish*:

- Pause in your own amida and listen without answering or saying anything.
- Once the leader has finished *kedusha* or *kaddish*, resume your private *amida*.

EXCEPTION

If you finish the final blessing of the <u>amida</u> ("...<u>Ha'mevareich et amo yisrael</u> <u>ba'shalom</u>") as the leader starts to say the <u>kedusha</u>, and you want to respond along with the congregation:

- Quickly say the line, "Yihiyu l'ratzon,"
- Reply to the entire *kedusha* (*kadosh*, *amen*, and any other words that are said by the congregation) as if you had finished the *amida*.
- Once the leader has said the final blessing of kedusha, say "elohai netzur..."

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