Prayer Leader of 10 Men Should Wait

A prayer service leader for a group of only 10 men including himself should (but is not required to) wait until all 10 men have finished the private *amida* before he begins the reader's repetition.

- *Shabbat*
- *Jewish Festivals*
- *Rosh Chodesh musaf*.

REASON To have nine men replying *amen* to each blessing.

NOTE A minimum of six men must be finished before the reader begins the repetition. If delaying the repetition at *mincha* will cause the repetition to be finished after sunset, consult a *rabbi*.

NOTE If all nine other men will not (or may not) say *amen*, the leader should intend that his public *amida* be a “free-will offering” (*nedava*); otherwise, his public *amida* may be a *bracha l'vatala*. He may not intend to offer a "free-will offering" on days or services that this sacrifice was not offered in the *Temple* in Jerusalem:

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