## When To Pause or Join Minyan: General Prayer Services

Here is when to pause or join the *minyan* during general prayer services:

• Ashrei

You do not need to interrupt your prayers to join the minyan for ashrei.

• Torah Reading

If you are saying the <u>amida</u>, pause only during the actual <u>Torah</u> reading, not during the blessings.

• Kaddish

During <u>kaddish</u>, you must pause in your <u>amida</u> until the prayer leader finishes the line of <u>da'amiran b'alma</u>....

• Alenu

If the *minyan* says *alenu* and you are at a part of the prayer service at which you are permitted to interrupt, you may join them.

NOTE It is a proper practice to say <u>alenu</u> with the congregation, even if you have already

finished that prayer service.

REASON If you don't, it seems as if you are not accepting *ol malchut shamayim*.

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