MINYAN: AMEN: WHEN 10 MEN INCLUDES PRAYER LEADER

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 <u>amen</u>, the leader should intend that his public <u>amida</u> be a "free-will offering" (<u>nedava</u>); otherwise, his public <u>amida</u> may be a <u>bracha l'vatala</u>. He may not intend to offer a "free-will offering" on days or services that this sacrifice was not offered in the <u>Temple</u> in Jerusalem:

- Shabbat
- Jewish Festivals
- Rosh Chodesh musaf.

Amida with Minyan but with less than Nine Men Answering

On <u>Shabbat</u>, even if there will not be at least nine men answering <u>amen</u> to the reader's repetition of the <u>amida</u>, the reader should say the repetition anyway, without intending that his repetition be counted as a <u>nedava</u> (which can only be offered on weekdays). If less than six men will be answering, the leader must wait before doing the repetition.

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