MINYAN: AMEN: WHEN TO INTERRUPT YOUR PRAYER

Interrupting Your Prayer To Say Amen

You may say *amen* to a prayer leader's blessing even if you are at a different part of the prayer service, but only at a part that you are permitted to interrupt.

Interrupting Your Blessing To Say Amen

You may not interrupt saying your own blessing in order to say *amen* to someone else's.

Interrupting Your Amida To Say Amen

When saying the *amida* yourself, do not say *amen* 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 *amida* ("...*Ha'mevareich et amo yisrael ba'shalom*") as the leader starts to say the *kedusha*, 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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