# SHACHARIT: SHEMA: WHEN TO SAY SHEMA

## Earliest Time for Shema (and Amida)

Earliest time to say *shema* and *amida* is 72 minutes before sunrise, *b'di'avad*, since the guideline is *halachic* "day."

NOTE *L'chatchila*, you should say *shema* anytime from 3 minutes before sunrise until the end of the third *halachic* hour of the day.

## Latest time To Say Shema

*Shema* may be said anytime during the day. But to fulfill the *halachic* requirement of saying *shema* in the morning, *shema* must be said by the end of the first quarter of the daylight hours, known as the "third hour" of the day. To derive this time, divide the time from sunrise to sunset by 4 and add that to the time for sunrise.

## Late Shema: L'Olam Yehei Adam by Third Hour

SITUATION

You will not have time to say the morning *shema* by the end of the third hour of the day, but you will say l'olam yehei adam by then.

WHAT TO DO

Instead of saying the first line of *shema*, say:

- El melech ne'eman.
- Entire *shema*. Then
- Paragraph that ends in mekadeish et shimcha b'rabim.

## Saying Shema after Proper Time

Even if you have not said the morning *shema* by the latest proper time (no later than the end of the first quarter of the daylight hours), say it as soon as you can.

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