When To Pause or Join Minyan: Regular Shacharit

Shema

When the *minyan* reaches the *shema* in *shacharit:*

- If you are between *bar'chu* and end of *amida*, simply:
    - Cover your eyes like everyone else, but don't say the *shema* line.
- If you are anywhere else:
    - Pause and, with everyone else, say the first two lines of the *shema* (*Shema, Yisrael*… and *Baruch shem*…), and then
    - Resume where you were.

REASON You may not interrupt your prayer between *bar'chu* and end of *amida*.

Amida

SITUATION You are saying your *amida* in a *minyan* and it is close to the end of the fourth hour of the day.

WHAT TO DO Do not pause, even if the leader says *kaddish* or *kedusha*, if doing so will delay you past the fourth hour.

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