## 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

You are saying your <u>amida</u> in a <u>minyan</u> 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 <u>kaddish</u> or <u>kedusha</u>, if doing so will delay you past the fourth hour.

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