

THINK ABOUT IT

Did you ever realize that if you come late to davening, leave before the end of the tefillah, or daven even one tefillah without a minyan, you are missing so many opportunities to answer "Amen" and "Yehai Shmai Rabba." The value of these Amens, etc. is more than you can imagine. These are the guards, protectors and defense for you and your entire family! The reward for each time you answer Amen or Yehai Shmai Rabba is infinite.

Think for a minute where exactly are you running anyway? Hashem gives you and your family unparalleled gifts 24/7. Health, parnassa, children, nachas, breath, life, etc., etc. Couldn't you manage to give Him a complete Shacharis, Mincha, and Maariv every day - in appreciation?

The Chofetz Chaim tells us that the potential value of each Amen we utter is phenomenal, "worth billions." However, In Olam Haba, we are rewarded for each Amen according to our input for that Amen in this world. This means that if you run out before the end of davening or come late and miss the beginning, you are using very little of your Amens' potential and wasting most of it. If you show Hashem that you will not miss davening complete tefillos with a minyan, no matter what, your Amens will be very, very valuable to Hashem and you will see results accordingly in physical and spiritual matters.



IMMEDIATE RESULTS

The Maor V'Shemesh guaranteed that whoever regularly davens 3 times a day with a minyan will have ample parnassah.

On Parshas Mishpatim

STOP AND THINK



If you run out of shul before davening is over, or constantly come late, here is something to take into consideration:

It sounds like you've gotten used to taking things for granted, or getting things without paying for them. Actually, you've gotten used to thinking that you deserve to get everything for free, without paying your debts to Hashem.

Be aware - Hashem does want you to pay what you owe Him. There's no way out. If you invest in Hashem, you will always come out ahead.

Stop for a minute. Think about the amount of kindness Hashem has showered upon you throughout your life. It is unmeasurable. And have you repaid Him in any way?

When you leave shul before the end of davening and can't wait the few minutes for the last kaddish - this is acting incredibly ungrateful to Hashem. (It can also involve a chilul Hashem when a Ben Torah acts this way.)

If you think that you might earn some extra profits by leaving those few minutes early before the end of davening, you are mistaken. Hashem's accounting is precise and it is not possible for you to profit by shortchanging Hashem.

Rav Yankel Galinsky, zatzal



UNFORTUNATE SITUATION

One could tremble at the thought of how lax people have become regarding the obligation to daven b'tzibur. According to Chazal, a person who forfeits participating in kaddish and kedusha deserves to be severely punished (excommunication).

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ACCOMPANIED BY AN ENTOURAGE

When a person goes to meet a human head of state (king, president, etc) about an important matter, he does not go alone, but accompanied by a delegation.

How much more shameful is it to appeal about important matters before Hakadosh Baruch Hu alone, when you could be davening with the accompaniment of a minyan."

Rabbi Aharon of Karlin



PROMISE TO EARN TWICE AS MUCH

When the time for tefillah approaches, a person should clear his mind of all his business matters and daven properly, even if it seems to him that this will cause him a financial loss. Hakadosh Baruch Hu, the ultimate boss, is trustworthy to pay him his wages. And Hashem can provide him with double from another source. He who loves the King is willing to sacrifice financially, physically and emotionally for Him.

MISSING AWARENESS

Many people are persuaded by their yetzer hora to skip davening with a minyan in order to get to work earlier.

What a mistake! Do they really think that Hashem would prefer people who goes against His will and accept their prayers rather than those of someone who does His will? This shows a lack of Emunah and expresses that 'my own strength and might is what gets things done.' They may claim to believe in Hashem, but their actions prove otherwise.

There are people that *chop* a quick davening in their place of work, neglecting the important obligation of tefillah b'tzibur. May Hashem accept their repentance and instill His emunah and love in their hearts. *Orot Eilim - Pele Yoetz*



DON'T FOLLOW A BAD EXAMPLE

When a person doesn't understand that coming late to davening, or leaving shul before davening is over is actually mocking Hakadosh Baruch Hu, it is as if he really doesn't believe that the presence of the Shechinah is in the shul during the davening. And, how, then, can his prayers be accepted?

When others see such behavior, it can also result in a chilul Hashem as people may wonder - How can Bnei Torah act this way? And there is no excuse for such behavior; those who talk during davening will be punished as well. One must know whatever is written in the Torah and Shulchan Aruch expresses Hashem's will. One who minimizes the importance of these matters puts himself into the category of 'apikoras,' G-d forbid. In Olam Haba, the excuse that 'everyone else was doing it' just won't work. *Orchos Yosher*

THE YETZER HORA ENTICES THEM

It is extremely important not to follow the example of those who do not recognize the importance of davening with a minyan. They are lazy and don't have patience.

They follow their yetzer hora which doesn't allow them to give proper kavod to Hakadosh Baruch Hu or to recognize their own spiritual needs. When they miss a minyan, they won't trouble themselves to look for another miyan or to wait for the next minyan, but will choose to daven by themselves (b'yichidus) instead.

Birkas Avraham



A TRUE OBLIGATION

A person must make utmost effort to daven with a minyan.

This is an absolute halachic obligation, as is brought down in Gemara (Pesachim) that a person is obligated to go a distance of an hour's walk or even a distance of approximately 1 kilometer back out of his way to get to a minyan.

This is how the Shulchan Orech paskens.

Orchos Yosher



MERIT BOOSTER

A person who regularly davens with a minyan increases his mitzvahs and merits (zechusim) considerably. It is very important to be consistent in this mitzvah. If a person is lax and sometimes davens with a minyan but other times doesn't, he puts himself into the category of those who go with Hakadosh Baruch Hu "stubbornly," chas v'shalom. See Rashi's explanation (Vayikra CCVI).

Chofetz Chaim - Shmiras Halashon

HONOR HASHEM NOW - BENEFIT IN THE FUTURE

It is befitting the honor of Hashem to come early and wait a few minutes before the start of the tefillot. As Rashi explains on a passuk in Gemara Brachos, that it is worthwhile to wait for and anticipate Hashem's mitzvahs.

One who purposely comes late for davening or leaves in the middle, will be chased out of the Bais Hamikdash in the middle and end of the davening in the future, as it is written in Sefer Chassidim.

Orchos Yosher



MERIT OF DAVENING B'TZIBUR

The prayers of a group are always heard and more readily accepted by Hashem. Even if there are sinners among the group, Hashem does not reject the combined prayers of a group. Therefore, a person should make sure to daven in a minyan, rather than alone.

Rambam - Hilchos Tefillah



A GREAT LOSS

Whoever davens without a minyan incurs a tremendous and irreplaceable loss.

Birkas Avraham



A LOSS WHICH CANNOT BE REPLACED

Gemara Chagiga talks about a person whose friends are included in a mitzvah while he is left out. This is referring to a person who davens by himself rather than davening with a minyan. This is a loss (missing the Ameins, Baruch Hu, Kedushahs, etc) which cannot be rectified.

Maharsha