

## הלכות תפילה (סימן קכד: דין הנהגת ש"ץ בי"ח ברכות ודין עניית אמן)

### קכד:ח

#### Outline

1. Today's Topics
  - a. The Laws of Answering אמן
2. (קכד:ח) אמן חטופה, קטופה, ויתומה
  - a. One should not say an אמן חטופה as if the אלף of אמן is vowelized with a שוא, and one should not say אמן prior to the conclusion of the ברכה one hears (שו"ע)
    - i. Q: What is the meaning of "אמן חטופה"?
      1. One should not say an אמן with a שוא, and likewise, one should not say it with a ורוק or a חולם because all of these pronunciations change the meaning of אמן from "ratification"; rather, one should say אמן with a קמץ (כט) (משנ"ב)
    - ii. Q: May one begin saying אמן while the ש"ץ is in the middle of the last word of the ברכה?
      1. No; one must wait until every word is finished and only then respond אמן (ל) (משנ"ב)
  - b. One should not say an אמן קטופה, which means that one does not enunciate the נון of "אמן" (שו"ע), and one should not pause in the middle of the word "אמן" (רמ"א)
  - c. One should not say an אמן יתומה, which means that if one is obligated in the ברכה that he hears from the ש"ץ but doesn't hear it, even if he knows the ברכה being said, he should not respond "אמן" (שו"ע). Some are stringent that this rule applies even when one is not obligated in the ברכה that one should not say "אמן" if he doesn't know the ברכה he hears (רמ"א)
    - i. Q: What are the positions of the ש"ץ and רמ"א?
      1. Answering אמן when one doesn't know the ברכה being said is problematic only when one hears a ברכה he is obligated to say. However, doing so is not a problem in חזרת הש"ץ when one is not obligated because he already davened, and it is certainly not a problem for other ברכות. However, the רמ"א disagrees and includes all ברכות in this problem. (משנ"ב לא)
    - ii. Q: What are cases in which one knows the ברכה being said despite not hearing it?
      1. He knows based on the order of the ברכות or he missed only the final words of the ברכה (משנ"ב לב)
    - iii. Q: According to the רמ"א, may one respond אמן when he knows the ברכה being said?
      1. Yes, as long as he is not obligated to say the ברכה (לג) (משנ"ב)
        - a. Q: May he do so during חזרת הש"ץ?
          - i. Yes (משנ"ב שם)
          - ii. No because it is as if people are obligated in the ברכות since the רבנן established חזרת הש"ץ (י"א במשנ"ב שם) חזרת הש"ץ ideally, one should be stringent to hear the entire ברכה, but בדיעבד, he may respond אמן (משנ"ב שם)
        - b. Q: Does the same apply to קדיש?
          - i. No (אגר"מ י"ד ד: סא: טז); rather, one must know to what he answers "אמן"
    - d. One should not delay his response of "אמן" but rather should say it immediately (רמ"א)
      - i. Q: What is considered "immediate?"
        1. תוך כדי דיבור (לד) (משנ"ב)
          - a. Q: How long is תוך כדי דיבור?
            - i. 3 words (י"א)
            - ii. 4 words (י"א)
              1. הלכה למעשה: 3 words (גר"ח קניבסקי הע' 55)
        - ii. Q: From when do we measure תוך כדי דיבור?
          1. From the majority of the congregation's response (לד) (משנ"ב)
        - iii. Q: If the חזן elongates his singing at "ואמרו אמן", when should the congregation respond?
          1. If he elongates the אמן of קדיש, in which the essential request is finished after "בזמן קריב" or "דאמירן בעלמא", then immediately because the singing is an

interruption, but if he elongates other אמן's, then the congregation must wait for him to finish the words (משנ"ב לה)

- a. Q: May a חזן sing the end of the ברכה?
  - i. Yes, but it shouldn't be too long (שבט הלוי ה: טז הע' 57)
- e. One should not say אמן very quickly but rather should take enough time that he would be able to say "קל מלך נאמן". However, he should also not take too long to say it because the enunciation of the word is not understood when one takes too long (שו"ע)
  - i. Q: Why should one not say it quickly?
    1. By doing so, one makes it seem that saying אמן is a burden (משנ"ב לו)
  - ii. Q: Why should one take enough time that he could say "קל מלך נאמן"?
    1. Because this is the meaning of "אמן" and "אמן" is an acronym for "קל מלך נאמן" (משנ"ב שם)