Kaarah – Volume twenty-seven.

Kitzur Hilchos Yerushalmi - Halacha derived from Gemara Yerushalmi

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Tefilla

The chazan fulfills the obligation of the kahal. This only applies to one who was there from the beginning to the end and paid attention.

Amidah order is: avos, greatness, and sanctification.

Amidah should only be said in a serious frame of mind, initially. One may not respond to a king or a danger. When traveling in a dangerous path one cannot say Amidah. Nor can one say it if he is in too much pain to concentrate.

Prayer should be out of words of Torah, not out of conversation, jokes, frivolity, and idle occupations. One should not start Amidah if in middle of a complicated sugya or halachic matter. Editor's Note: the mind must be settled and not be primed to wander and think about the halachic matter during the Amidah. These days, with set tefillos times, it is important for one to try to get himself or herself into proper frame of mind before starting Amidah. Certainly, it is better to daven close to the initial zman of that tefilla and try to obtain a quick settled frame of mind, rather than to wait through the day for a naturally occurring settled mind.

Rosh Hashana

Shofar brochos and its connected tefillos are done by a leader and the kahal fulfill their obligation if they are there the entire time and pay attention.

General practice

When taking extended leave from a friend it should be with words of Torah, not out of conversation, jokes, frivolity, and idle occupations. *Editor's note: this refers to proper practice and it refers to leave of a close friend for an extended period of time, i.e., moving to another city, or leaving a yeshiva*. When giving chizuk or mussar one should always end on a conciliatory note.

Dealing with public needs has the same merit and importance as learning Torah.

Taharas Mishpocha

A woman who feels discharge and sees a mustard-seed sized spot has to keep seven clean days.

Kodshim

Drawing blood from a consecrated animal is theft.

Maaser

One may add produce to the connected stalk and free that produce from maaser.