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## *Today's* TOPICS

**The Intentions Necessary for the *Daled of Echad*  
Moving the Head While Reciting the Word *Echad*  
Repeating Words When Reciting *Shema***



### The intentions necessary for the *daled of echad*

When saying the word *echad* in the first *pasuk* of *Shema*, one must focus on accepting Hashem's sovereignty, understanding that He is One in the heavens above and through all four corners of the earth below. According to some *poskim*, one should have these thoughts when pronouncing the *dales*. Other *poskim* recommend beginning these thoughts earlier, when pronouncing the *ches*. It is possible to have the *kavana* after completing the word if he will be distracted from proper *kavana* by dragging out the letter. Today we do not pronounce the *dales* correctly and it cannot be drawn out properly; one should begin the *kavana* while pronouncing the letter and continue it after completing the word.

(סעיף ו וס"ק יח; ביאורים ומוספים דרשו, 11)

### Moving the head while reciting the word *echad*

Some have the custom to move the head while uttering the word *echad*, as focus is placed on Hashem's mastery over the heavens and the four directions of the world. The head is nodded up, down and in each of the four directions as an indication of this focus. The proper manner to



wave the head for this custom is to copy the order of placing the blood of the *korbanos* on the *mizbayach*-east, north, west and south. One should avoid waving the head forward and backward and then right and left (or vice versa) so as not to appear to be making the shape of a cross. (סעיף ו' וס"ק כ, עם הרחבת המקור שבשעה"צ ס"ק י')



### Repeating words when reciting *Shema*

It is forbidden to repeat words or even the entire sentence when reciting the first *pasuk* of *Shema*, lest one create the impression that he is addressing more than one god. Someone who recited the *pasuk* without the necessary intention may repeat it softly [in a way that others cannot hear]. If no one else is around to hear, he may repeat the *pasuk* out loud. For the same reason, it is forbidden to repeat the entire first paragraph of *Shema*. Only someone attempting to fall asleep with Torah on his lips may repeat the first *parsha* as many times as he needs to until he falls asleep. Most *poskim* permit repeating all three *parshiyos* of *Shema* together as a unit. When reviewing the week's Torah portion, it is permissible to read the *pasuk* of *Shema Yisrael* twice. Some *poskim* require the second reading to be done in a whisper.

סעיף ט"ז, וס"ק כב, כד ויכה; ביאורים ומוספים דרשו, -15)  
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### Yesterday's HIGHLIGHTS

- Together, the three paragraphs of *Shema* contain 245 words. The Chachomim instituted repeating the final three words, *Hashem E-lokeichem emes*, to bring the number of words to 248. The 248 words correspond to, and serve to heal, the 248 limbs of the human body. The *chazan's* repetition counts for the congregation as well.
- Someone *davening* alone does not have the benefit of the *chazan's* repetition. The Rama suggests adding the words *E-l melech ne'eman* before *Shema* as the ideal way to reach the number 248.

### Tomorrow's TOPICS

- Why *Baruch Shem* is recited quietly
- If *Baruch Shem* was omitted
- When to repeat *Amen* after a *beracha*

- An individual who is still in the middle of *Shema* when the *chazan* repeats the words *HashemE-lokeichem emes* should listen silently to the *chazan*.

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