

REQUEST FOR RAIN 5785

Wednesday Night, 4 Kislev, marks sixty days since the onset of the Tishrei *tekufah* (autumn season), and therefore, outside Eretz Yisrael, we begin reciting the winter prayer of *v'sein tal umatar liverachah* during the *Amidah* of Maariv in the blessing of *Bareich aleinu*. This phrase replaces *v'sein berachah*, which is recited throughout the summer months. The winter phrase will continue to be recited on all weekdays until (and including) the Minchah service of *erev Pesach*.

The *gabbai* should **not** make an announcement between the blessing of *Hashkiveinu* and the start of the *Amidah* reminding the congregation to say *tal umatar*.

There are a number of laws that apply in case *v'sein tal umatar* (or even just the word *umatar*) was not said, as laid out in the chart at the end of the booklet.

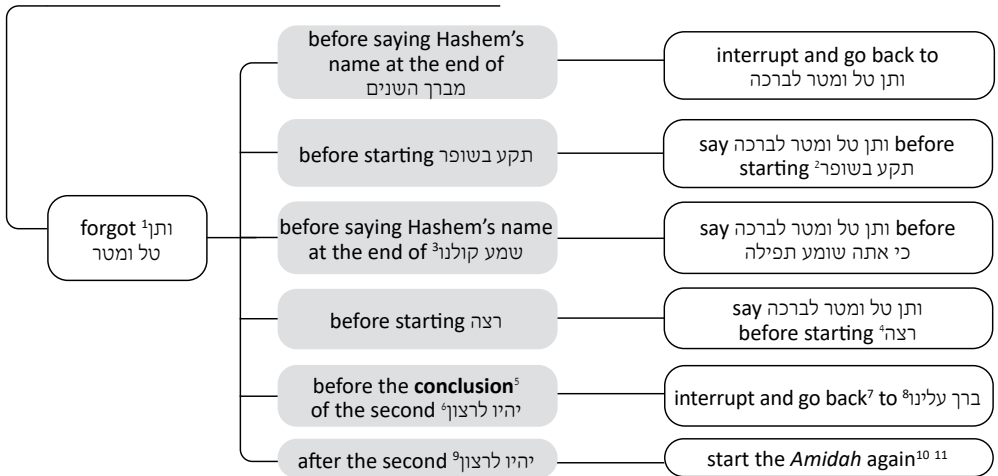
“Oops! I made a mistake...”

What did I do?

When did I remember?

Now I should...

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Notes

1. even if you said ותן טל (omitting the word ומטר).

If you are unsure if you recited the correct version, you must assume that the incorrect version was said out of habit. However, after thirty days have elapsed —this year, beginning with Maariv on the eve of 4 Teves (Jan. 3)—it can be assumed that ותן טל ומטר was indeed recited.

2. If you went back by mistake to the beginning of the Beracha, you are *Yotzeh*.

3. If you made a mistake and went back to ברך עלינו, stop and return to where you were holding. Say ותן טל ומטר.

4. If you went back to the beginning of *Shma Kolenu* or *Bareich Aleinu*, you are *Yotzeh*.

5. Even if he already said Hashem's Name you should Stop and go back to *Bareich Aleinu*

6. If you started אלקי נצור and the Chazzan Reached *Kedusha* you should answer and you can then go back to *Bareich Aleinu*.

7. If you remembered after reciting Hashem's name at the end

of the brachah of המברך את עמו ישראל or המחזיר שכינתו, הטוב שמך שלום, בשלום. ברך עלינו and go back to למדני חקין say.

8. If you went back to שמע קולנו and mentioned it there, you are *yotzeh*. If you went back to ברך עלינו and forgot ותן טל ומטר again, say it in חולו.

9. and you have also made the decision not to lengthen the *tefillah* with extra requests and supplications.

10. You must first wait *k'dei hiluch daled amos* (the time it takes to walk six feet) before restarting the *Amidah*.

11. On *matzoei Shabbos*: repeat אתה חוננתנו. On Rosh Chodesh: repeat ועל ויבא. On Chanukah and Purim: ועל הניסים need not be repeated.

If you remembered after the time has come to daven the next *tefillah*, you must repeat the *Amidah* twice. However, if you made the error on any Friday afternoon or *erev Pesach*, you **do not** make it up by reciting the *Shabbos* or *Yom Tov Amidah* an additional time. Before repeating the *Amidah*, you may be *Mafsik*.