

מסכת ברכות

- 1. State 2 out of the 3 opinions for when the latest time to say the evening שמע קריאת שמע is.**
ר' אליעזר: end of the first watch / third of the night
חכמים: midnight
רבן גמליאל: dawn
- 2. Who said that he was "like a 70 year old"?**
ר' אלעזר בן עזריה
- 3. Explain the reasons for the order of the paragraphs of שמע קריאת שמע.**
First paragraph is accepting the yoke of Heaven upon oneself; second paragraph is accepting Hashem's commandments; third paragraph only applies during the day
- 4. Does somebody who is working at the top of a tree need to come down to say (a) שמע קריאת שמע and (b) שמונה עשרה?**
He needs to come down to say שמונה עשרה but not שמע קריאת שמע
- 5. Complete the phrase: ' _____ , העוסק במצוה, פטור מן המצוה.'**
העוסק במצוה
- 6. If a בעל קרי goes to the מקוה so that he can say שמע קריאת שמע in the morning, but he finds that he doesn't have enough time to come out, dress himself and say שמע קריאת שמע by sunrise, what should he do?**
Cover himself with murky water and say שמע קריאת שמע before sunrise
- 7. When is פלג המנחה?**
The midpoint between the beginning of קטנה (9 ½ hours into the day) and nightfall, i.e. 10 ¾ hours into the day.
- 8. Which המדרש said a תפילה when he entered and exited the בית המדרש, and what did he say?**
נחוניא בן הקנא prayed when he entered that he nor others would make a mistake in their learning and decisions, and when he left he thanked Hashem for putting him in the position that he can learn in the בית המדרש
- 9. What is the reason for the opinion which holds that מוסף is only said in the presence of a מנין?**
It is a commemoration of the קרבן מוסף

- 10. What are the 2 examples of things which the משנה uses to illustrate the law that one may not interrupt his שמונה עשרה for anything?**
 (a) A king greeting him; (b) a snake wrapped around his ankle
- 11. What is the exception mentioned in the משנה to the law that one is supposed to initially refuse an offer to be the חזן?**
 If the current חזן makes a mistake and needs to be replaced
- 12. In what context does the משנה state that 'שלוחו של אדם כמותו'?**
 If a חזן makes a mistake in davening, it's a bad sign for the congregation
- 13. Which ברכה for food is the only one not mentioned in מסכת ברכות?**
 בורא מיני מזונות of ברכה
- 14. Explain the rule of עיקר וטפל concerning ברכות.**
 One only makes a ברכה on the primary (עיקר) food but not the secondary (טפל) food
- 15. State 2 conditions for the mechanism of 'שומע כעונה' to work for ברכות הנהנין.**
 (a) The one making the ברכה and the one listening must intend for the ברכה to cover both of them; (b) they must eat in a fixed manner together
- 16. According to the משנה, when does one say the ברכה of בורא נפשות רבות?**
 Before drinking water to quench one's thirst, according to רבי טרפון
- 17. How many arguments are there in 'פרק ח' between בית שמאי and בית הלל (concerning meals)?**
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- 18. מדרבנן, what status does a liquid which touches something which is a 'שני לטומאה' get?**
 ראשון לטומאה
- 19. How often may one make the same ברכת הודאה for the same thing?**
 Once in 30 days, if he hasn't experienced it in 30 days
- 20. Give 1 of the 2 examples which the משנה says would be a תפילת שוא.**
 (a) Praying that the foetus in one's wife's womb should be a boy; (b) praying that the screams which he heard aren't from his household.