



Mishnah Berakhot Chapter 2
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Mishnah 1

- What constitutes directing one's mind? Why is this important and how do we achieve it?
- Why is the Mishnah so concerned about a person greeting and/or responding to a greeting during the Shema? What is the difference between the middle of a section and between sections? What is the significance of responding out of fear or honor?

Mishnah 2

- What is the relationship between the yoke of the kingdom of heaven and the yoke of the mitzvot? What does this mean?

Mishnah 3

- Why is the Mishnah so concerned with these details?

Mishnah 4-5 and 8

- Why does the Mishnah go into details of these situations? What does this have to do with intent or directing one's mind during the shema?

Mishnah 6-7

- Why are these statements included? What do they have to do with what we were reading previously?