KADDIH SHALEM. Every service that features an Amidah is brought to a close with Kaddish Shalem, the complete Kaddish, so called because in addition to the words of the Kaddish recited at other times in the service, it adds a line asking God to accept our prayers: “May the prayers and pleas of all Israel be accepted by their creator in heaven.” Here, the placement of Kaddish Shalem marks the end of the morning Shabarit prayers. The liturgy now moves on to the Torah service.

In a formal sense, though introduced and followed by brakhot and prayers, the reading of the Torah and the haftarah constitutes study, not prayer. For the ancient rabbis, prayer was quintessentially defined by the Amidah, which we have now completed.