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The Zohar in Vayelech (p. 285b):
All the gates of heaven are open
for one who answers
"Amen, Yehay Sh'may Rabba."

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One who speaks in shul is acting
with disrespect to the שכינה
and holds back the גאולה.

זוהר פ' תרומה

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... It is therefore proper
for every community to appoint
people to supervise with threats
to those who talk during davening
and to embarrass them in public.

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It is a mitzvah to embarrass one
who engages in idle conversation
if, after three warnings,
he does not keep quiet.

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**Anyone who truly has a fear
of G-d must protest bitterly
to save his peers from talking
during Amen and davening.**

(Medrash Yalkut Shoftim 12)

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**Idle conversation lengthens
the time of our exile and
delays the redemption.**

חתם סופר

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**One who engages in idle
conversation cruelly deprives
himself and his children of G-d's
blessing of longevity.**

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It is **אסור** to have any **שיחת חולין**
in shul at any time.

שו"ע או"ח קכ"ד

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He should teach his children to act
with respect and to answer **אמן** . . .
and those (kids) who run around—
better not to bring them to shul.

של"ה הקדש

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Woe is to the people who talk
in shul for we saw how many
congregations were destroyed
because of this **עבירה**.

משנה ברורה

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The Gemora in Shabbos (119):
When Jews answer
"Amen, Yehay Sh'may Rabba"
aloud, all harsh decrees
are nullified on them.

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And if one does not teach
his children how to act in shul
he is punished and
his children die ח"ו.

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As it states in ספרים הקדושים, it was
revealed to the צדיקים that in the גזירה
of ת"ח ות"ט, 200 Jewish communities
and hundreds of shuls were destroyed
because of talking during davening.

המדרש והמעשה

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To do תשובה if he spoke in shul:
Fast for 40 days
and get מלקות every day.

כף החיים אות ס' קנ"א

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It is better for one
to pray at home rather
than to talk in the synagogue.

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**One who has the ability
to protest and does not,
the sin is ascribed to him.**

Yerushalmi, Shabbos, Ch. 5.

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**Many synagogues have been
converted into churches because
of the sin of idle conversation
during prayers.**

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**One who prays in the synagogue
in the proper manner
will merit long life
for himself and his posterity.**

גמ' ברכות

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**Every shul is obligated
to assign people who will
enforce קדושת בהכנ"ס and
no talking during davening.**

ווי העמודים

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PLEASE!
There is absolutely
no talking
during davening.

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It is **אסור** to speak **שיחת חולין**
and if he does, the whole
congregation is *obligated*
to rebuke and scold him.

רבינו יונה

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One who talks in shul better
for him not to come at all.

ס' כף החיים

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One who talks in the synagogue
is a fool and may not be counted
to a minyan,
according to Turei Zahav.

טורי זהב

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