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A new chazzan had been engaged in Memel, and he addressed his inquiry to R. Israel who happened to be there at the time. What should he bear in mind while reciting the prayers? R. Israel replied that his first duty was to rehearse all the tunes well, so as to fulfill his assignment properly and not transgress the prohibition against robbing the public.

Note: In line with this, I recently saw the following: Someone once asked the Chofetz Chaim what he should have in mind when he is going around the Bima and saying the Hoshanos. The CC replied that he should be careful not to step on anyone else's foot, because, if he did, then he would most likely not know whom he had stepped on and hence be unable to apologize.

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