

(7) When the Jews sang the song of triumph at the Red Sea the men were separated from the women, and they did not sing together. (Gen. Rabba CH:23).

(8) He who loves his wife as himself and honors her above himself, of him it is written and you shall know peace in your dwelling. (Job 5:24, and Yebamot 62B).

(9) Just as the Mizbach (the altar in the Beth Hamikdosh) causes our sins to be forgiven, so also does a woman who is modest even in her home. (tanchuma vayishlach).

(10) G-D endowed a woman with intelligence superior to men. (Nidda 45B).

A P'SAK DIN ON MIXED RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

We have been asked by a number of rabbis in the country and by alumni and *musmochim* of yeshivos, if it is permissible to participate with and be a member of The New York Board of Rabbis and similar groups in other communities, which are composed of Reform and Conservative 'rabbis'.

Having gathered together to clarify this matter, it has been ruled by the undersigned that it is forbidden by the law of our sacred Torah to be a member of and to participate in such an organization.

We have also been asked if it is permissible to participate with and to be a member of the Synagogue Council of America, which is also composed of Reform and Conservative organizations.

We have ruled that it is forbidden by the law of our sacred Torah to participate with them either as an individual or as an organized communal body.

May *Hashem Yisborach* have mercy on His people, and seal the breaches (in Torah life) and may we be worthy of the elevation of the glory of our sacred Torah and our people Israel.

Signed this fifth day, the week of *Parshas Ki Seesoh*, the Eighteenth day of Adar, 5716, in the City of New York.

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