



When One Has No Other Option

27. If one finds himself in a situation where hearing a woman sing is unavoidable, he may daven or learn Torah in that place. However, he must either close his ears or completely immerse his heart and mind in the words that he is saying so that he doesn't think about the singing at all. (As we already explained, one must always take into account the prohibition itself of hearing a woman sing.)

(Rabbeinu Yonah, Berachos 17a s.v. erva; Beis Yosef OC 75; Shulchan Aruch HaRav 75:6; Kitzur Shulchan Aruch 5:16; Kaf Hachaim 75:26; see Chayei Adam 4:6 and Mishnah Berurah 75:17)