



A Female Speaker

6. The prohibition to hear a woman's voice applies to any voice which is enticing or leads toward closeness. (*Rashba, Berachos 24a; Beis Shmuel EH 21:4*)

7. Thus, the *poskim* write that it can in certain scenarios be prohibited for a man to hear an unrelated woman deliver a speech since, when someone delivers a speech, they do so in a manner aimed at captivating the audience. (*Shevet Halevi 3:14 and 5:198*)

8. Therefore, a man should not participate in a conference which features female speakers or presenters. If it is very important for him to participate, he should consult a *posek* for guidance.

9. Similarly, one may not appoint a woman to address a business meeting, or the like, in which men will participate.