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INTRODUCTION

Recent developments¹ in Israel and in the diaspora have inspired intense discussion regarding the propriety of women [leading the services](#) in Shul, reading from the Torah and being called up for an *aliyah*. These conversations have thrust the issue of the place of the Jewish woman in Judaism into the limelight, and have generated [an array of responses](#) throughout the community of *halachic* scholarship, all apparently sincere in their pursuit to cleave to Torah and its tradition.

¹) This article was originally published in 2014.