



Congregation Darchei Noam

Congregation Darchei Noam
invites you to hear

Rabbi Dov Linzer

***Mechitza: Meanings, Marginalization,
or Membership?***

12:30 pm

Sunday, March 8, 2015

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The mechitza is a major dividing line between men and women, and between Orthodox and non-Orthodox synagogues. This lecture looks at how – in traditional sources – the need for mechitza is conceptualized, and how the different conceptual models lead to greater or lesser marginalization of women in the synagogue. We will specifically look at whether the goal of the mechitza is to make women invisible, whether as a result of the mechitza, women are considered to be a part of or outside of the minyan, and whether the women's section in the synagogue is considered to have the sanctity of the synagogue proper. In the end, two models emerge – mechitza as marginalization and mechitza as (quasi-)membership.

Rabbi Dov Linzer is the Rosh HaYeshiva of Yeshivat Chovevei Torah Rabbinical School, and the primary architect of its groundbreaking curriculum of Torah, Halakha, pastoral counseling, and professional training. He teaches regular classes in advanced Talmud, advanced Halakha and the thought of Modern Orthodoxy, and serves as a religious guide to the yeshiva's 47 rabbinical students and its close to 100 rabbis currently serving in the field. Rabbi Linzer has been a leading rabbinic voice in the Modern Orthodox community for over 20 years, and teaches a Daf Yomi shiur, which is available on YouTube and iTunes. He was most recently the convener of the 2012 Modern Orthodox Siyyum HaShas.

I would like to make lunch (dairy) reservations for:

_____ adults @ \$8.00 each & _____ children @ \$4.00 each

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ Name_____

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