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The extensive article entitled, "Women Kriat HaTorah and Aliyot" by Rabbi Aryeh Frimer and Rabbi Dov Frimer is a most impressive scholarly presentation. After a thorough meticulous examination and analysis of vast halachic sources their conclusion rejecting "Partnership Minyanim" as a viable halachic form of worship is a sound one; with which I agree.

In addition may I remark about the entire matter as it has surfaced in various communities. There are some writers delving into halachic sources who vigorously support this form of prayer etc and have even issued a madrich or guide for its followers.

I believe that to engage in a polemic regarding this matter is an exercise in futility. "Davening" and "Kriat HaTorah" as it has been observed in Torah observant communities for many centuries rejects creating a profile of worship that is alien to normative balanced congregational activity. As a rav who has extended himself in being sensitive to women's education and marital rights, I reject the support of the "Partnership Minyanim" halachically and intuitively as going beyond the boundaries of communal Torah observance.



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