

## **Congregation Beth Meir HaCohen (Chabad of North Orange County)**

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### **Women in Leadership Positions**

- No formal Board
- Women are involved in the decision-making process for special events and *shul* programs

### **Women's Ritual Participation**

- Torah is carried through the women's side by a man
- Women may touch and kiss the Torah

### **Kaddish**

- Women may say *kaddish*

### **Women's Tefillah Group**

- Not appropriate for *Chabad shuls*

### **Life Cycle Events**

- Bat Mitzvah: Girls deliver a *d'var* Torah about Maimonides' 13 principles of faith or the laws of *havdalah*

### **Holidays**

- Simchat Torah: Women are not allowed to dance with the Torah
- Purim: Men and women sit together during the reading of the *megillah* at the Purim party. There is a *mechitza* for the *megillah* reading at Purim services

### **Mechitzah Structure**

- Straight up the middle

### **Childcare Available During Services**

- None – because of space constraints