Birkat HaMazon: Women's Mezuman and Minyan

Women (even if 10 or more) do not make a *minyan*, only a *mezuman*. So do not say the *birkat ha'mazon's minyan* introduction but simply say the *mezuman* introduction if:

- 10 or more women ate together, without men present;
- At least two women washed, said *ha'motzi*, and ate bread; AND
- At least one more woman ate some type of food.

NOTE Women are never required to make a *mezuman*. So when three women are eating together and no men are present, they may say *birkat ha'mazon* as a *mezuman* but they are not required to do so.

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