

Congregation Netivot Shalom

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Women in Leadership Positions

- Women serve on the Board and on committees
- Women are eligible to be president, but there has never been one
- Women give classes (weekly *parsha* class, *shiurim* on Shavuot and throughout the year)
- Women deliver *divrei Torah*
- Women Scholars in Residence

Women Speaking From the Amud

- Women may speak from the *amud*
- There is access from the women's section to the *bima* via a door
- If a women is speaking during *davaning*, a curtain is placed across the entry point in the men's section to designate the *bimah* as part of the women's section

Women's Ritual Participation

- Torah is passed to the women
- Women recite *birkhat hagomel*

Kaddish

- Women may say *kaddish*

Women's Tefillah Group

- WT several times per year within the *shul* building -- men may attend as long as there are less than 10 men present

Life Cycle Events

- Bat Mitzvah: Girls participate in a WT or deliver a *d'var Torah* from the *amud*
- Simchat Bat: From the *amud* following Shabbat services
- *Misheberach* at namings or *brit milot* can include both parents' names

Holidays

- Simchat Torah: Women's *kriyah*
- Sukkot: Women hold the Torah during *hakafot*
- Tisha B'Av: Women introduce *kinot* and *Eicha*
- Purim: Regular women's *megillah* reading

Mechitzah Structure

- Approximately 48" high; entire *shul* is visible from both sides of the *mechitzah*
- *Bimah* is adjacent to the women's section

Childcare Available During Services

- Youth groups for children older than 2 years of age (pre-school groups contain toys for younger children)
- Rooms for private breastfeeding are available

