

Congregation Ramath Orah

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Women in Leadership Positions

- Employed female congregational intern in '03-'04
- Women serve on the Board, the Executive Committee, and as Officers

Women Speaking From the Amud

- Women may speak from the *amud* Friday night between *kabbalat* Shabbat and *maariv* or Shabbat morning after *mussaf*, before *Adon Olam* or at *Seudah Shilishit*

Women's Ritual Participation

- Torah carried through women's section; may only be passed from husband to wife and back
- Women may bench *birkhat hagomel*

Kaddish

- Women may say *kaddish* even if no man is saying it, but not without a *minyán*

Life Cycle Events

- No set policy – if *halachically* permissible will accommodate the family's requests

Holidays

- Simchat Torah: Women dance with the Torah and women's *kriyah*
- Purim: Women's *megillah* reading

Mechitzah Structure

- *Mechitzah* down the middle of the *shul* and balcony (balcony was former women's section, is now divided to include men)

Childcare

- 10-11:30 am on Shabbat morning

Other

- Women's learning supported by the Rabbi -- classes given in *shul*, including *Daf Yomi*, are open to and attended by both men and women