

## **Congregation Shaarei Tefillah**

RELIGIOUS LEADER: Rabbi Benjamin Samuels

WEBSITE: <http://www.shaarei.org/>

EMAIL: [office@shaarei.org](mailto:office@shaarei.org), [ravbensam@shaarei.org](mailto:ravbensam@shaarei.org)

PHONE: 617-527-7637

ADDRESS: 35 Morseland Ave, Newton Centre, MA

### **Women in Leadership Positions**

- In the past have had female presidents
- Women currently hold several Executive Board positions

### **Women Speaking From the Amud**

- Women may speak from the *amud* after *Adon Olam*
- Female Board members make announcements from the *amud*

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

- Women say *kayl male rachamim* from their side of the *mechitzah*
- Women recite *birkhat hagomel*

### **Kaddish**

- Women may say *kaddish*

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

- WT occurs once a month for Shabbat *Mevorchim*
- WT for *shacharit* on Shabbat morning occurs twice a year

### **Life Cycle Events**

- Bat Mitzvah: Girls and their mothers speak from the *amud* during regular Shabbat morning services, after *Adon Olam*
- Families may choose to hold a WT during either *shacharit* or *mincha* where the Bat Mitzvah girl will *layn* and lead *davaning*.
  - Mothers often speak during the WT

### **Holidays**

- Purim morning: Women's *megillah* reading
- Tisha B'Av morning: Women's reading of *Megillat Eichah*
- Sukkot: Women have their own *hoshanot* in the women's section
- Simchat Torah: Women have their own Torah readings and *aliyot*
  - Equal Torah access for dancing

### **Mechitzah**

- Runs front to back with the *bimah*, *aron*, and *amud* near the *mechitzah*

### **Childcare**

- Provided for children ages 3 and up starting at 10:30 a.m.