

Great Neck Synagogue

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Women Speaking From the Amud

- Women guest speakers address congregation after *davaning* is completed on Shabbat morning

Women's Ritual Participation

- Women may recite *birkhat hagomel*
- Mother's name may be included in *misheberach* after *aliyah l'Torah*, but the *gabbai* doesn't require it
- Torah brought to *mechitzah*, but not passed to the women's section on Shabbat morning

Kaddish

- Women may say *kaddish*

Women's Tefillah Group

- WT of Great Neck Synagogue meets monthly for Shabbat *mincha*

Life Cycle Events

- Bat Mitzvah: Girls may address congregation after *davaning* (although most do not choose to do so)

Holidays

- Purim: WT *davaning* and *layning* of the *megillah*
- Simchat Torah: Evening *hakafot* with Torah, WT *shacharit* and *mussaf*, including *hakafot*, each woman gets an *aliyah l'Torah*

Mechitzah Structure

- Circular design: men inside circle, women in outer circle
- Additional seating in back of *shul* with *mechitzah* down the middle
- The women's section is available at every *minyan*