

Kehilat Yedidya

RELIGIOUS LEADER: None (*Minhag* Committee)

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Women in Leadership Positions

- Women serve as Board officers (currently there is a women treasurer)
- Women serve as Board chairs (currently two women are co-chairs)
- Women serve on all *shul* committees (i.e. *Tzedakah* Committee, Education Committee and the *Minhag* Committee)

Women Speaking From the Amud

- Women speak from the amud to give *divrei halacha* at Friday night services, *divrei* Torah on Shabbat and holiday mornings, and remarks at community events

Women's Ritual Participation

- The Torah is passed to the women's section
- Women recite *birkhat hagomel*
- Mother's names are included in *misheberachs* and *aliyot*
- A prayer for *agunot* is recited
- Women recite four special prayers before *mussaf* services: Misheberach for the Sick, Misheberach for IDF soldiers, Prayer for Peace, and Prayer for the State of Israel

Kaddish

- Women may recite *kaddish*

Women's Tefillah Group

- Separate women's *kriyat hatorah* on Shabbat mornings, usually about every 6-8 weeks

Life Cycle Events

- Bat Mitzvah: Celebrated by a separate women's *kriyat hatorah*

Holidays

- Women read *Megillot* Ruth, *Eicha*, *Kohelet* and *Shir Hashirim* for the entire community
- Purim night: Women participate in a communal *megillah* reading, where chapters are read by both men and women
- Purim morning: Separate women's *megillah* reading

Mechitzah Structure

- Down the middle of the hall
- The Torah reading table and the *aron* are in the middle of the sanctuary (half on men's side/half on women's side)

Childcare Available During Services

- Children's services (ages 2 and up) begin at the end of the Torah reading