

	Synagogue Name Religious Leader, Website, Email, Phone, Address	Women in Leadership positions (Board officers, Board president, or professional religious positions)	Women speaking from the amud	Women's Ritual Participation (Passing the Torah to the Women's section, women saying Birkat Gomel, Prayer for Agunot, Mother's names in Mi'Sheberach or Aliyot)	Kaddish	Women's tefillah group, Women's Kriyat HaTorah, or Megillah	Life Cycle Events	Holidays	Mechitzah Structure	Childcare Available During Services
California	<b>Congregation Beth Israel</b> RELIGIOUS LEADER: Rabbi Yonatan Cohen WEBSITE: www.cbiberkeley.org/ EMAIL: contact@cbiberkeley.org PHONE: 510-843-5246 ADDRESS: 1630 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, CA 94703	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First synagogue to have a women president (1970 – 1971 term)</li> <li>Current president is female</li> <li>Women serve on board</li> <li>Female interns in past</li> <li>Resident scholars are split evenly between men and women</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women may speak from the amud during services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Torah is passed to the women, women carry the Torah through the women's section</li> <li>Women recite birkhat hagomel</li> <li>Prayer for agunot is said</li> <li>Congregants have the option to include mother's name during misheberach and aliyyot</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women may say kaddish</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WT does not take place regularly</li> <li>Women participate in Kriyat HaTorah occasionally (Bat Mitzvahs)</li> <li>Women layn all the megillot</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bat Mitzvah: Girl may layn from the Torah in a women's-only service conducted in the main sanctuary (men move to the Bat Mitzvah). Men rejoice the women in the sanctuary for the girl's drasha.</li> <li>Shalom Bat</li> <li>Mothers are included in son's life cycle events</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sukkot: Women have their own hoshanot circuit that interlocks, but does not intersect with the men</li> <li>O Torah is held by a woman, and men are not on the bimah during that hoshana</li> <li>Purim: Women's megillah reading</li> <li>Simchat Torah: women dance with the Torah</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two symmetrical sides of the shul with a varied-height mechitzah running down the middle, similar to HIR</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes, childcare is available for pre-school through 6th gr.</li> <li>Childcare arranged into groups based on age</li> </ul>
	<b>B'nai David-Juda</b> RELIGIOUS LEADER: Rabbi Yosef Kanefsky WEBSITE: http://www.bnaiDavid.com/ EMAIL: info@bnaiDavid.com PHONE: 310-276-9269 ADDRESS: 8906 W. Pico Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90035	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are currently two women Vice-Presidents</li> <li>Several women currently serve on the Board of Directors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholars-in-residence and women from the congregation speak from the amud throughout the year</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mother's name included in aliyyot and misheberachs</li> <li>The Torah is passed to the women's section</li> <li>Women say birkhat hagomel</li> <li>Prayer for agunot is recited</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women may say kaddish</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monthly WT at Shabbat mincha that includes a prayer for agunot</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bat Mitzvah: Girls may deliver a d'var Torah from the front bimah</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Purim morning: women's megillah reading</li> <li>Shavuot mincha: women's megillah reading of Ruth</li> <li>Simchat Torah: women's Torah reading simultaneously with men's reading</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is a mechitzah</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Childcare available for children under 6 months old for the entire service</li> <li>Jr. Congregation for 5th grade</li> <li>Teen minyan (grades 6-12)</li> </ul>
	<b>Congregation Beth Meir HaCohen (Chabad of North Orange County)</b> RELIGIOUS LEADER: Rabbi David Eleziezie and Rabbi Levi Blesofsky WEBSITE: http://www.ocjewish.com/ EMAIL: Rabbi@ocjewish.com, Rabbleivi@ocjewish.com PHONE: 714-693-0770 ADDRESS: 19045 Yorba Linda Blvd, Yorba Linda, CA 92886	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No formal Board</li> <li>Women are involved in the decision-making process for special events and shul programs</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Torah is carried through the women's side by a man</li> <li>Women may touch and kiss the Torah</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not appropriate for Chabad shuls</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bat Mitzvah: Girls learn and then deliver a d'var Torah</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Simchat Torah: Women are not allowed to dance with the Torah</li> <li>Purim: Men and women sit together during the reading of the megillah at the Purim party. There is a mechitzah for the megillah reading at Purim services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Straight up the middle</li> <li>The mechitzah has poor visibility</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None – because of space constraints</li> </ul>
Connecticut	<b>Congregation Agudath Shalom</b> RELIGIOUS LEADER: Rabbi Daniel Cohen WEBSITE: http://www.congregationagudathsholom.org/ EMAIL: RabbiCohen@agudathsholom.org PHONE: 203-358-2200 ADDRESS: 301 Strawberry Hill Avenue, Stamford, CT 06902	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the past there have been female presidents</li> <li>Women serve on the Board and the Executive Board</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women may speak from the amud</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Torah is walked through the women's section, including the procession</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women may say kaddish</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WT 4 times a year</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Purim: Women's megillah reading</li> </ul>		
	<b>Congregation Beit Chaverim</b> RELIGIOUS LEADER: Rabbi Yossi Pollack PHONE: 203-227-3333 ADDRESS: 85 Post Road West, Westport, CT 06880	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women serve on the Board</li> <li>Thus far, there have been no female presidents</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women may speak from the amud during davening</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women carry the Torah</li> <li>Women say birkat hagomel as well as the prayers from minadit Yisrael and the U.S.</li> <li>Congregants have the option to include mother's name in aliyyah</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women may say kaddish</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Occasional WT</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bat Mitzvah: girls may deliver a dvar Torah. Alternately, on Sunday, they may read the haftarah, a megillah, or a Torah reading.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Purim: Women's megillah reading</li> <li>Women read the other megillot</li> <li>Simchat Torah: Women dance with the Torah</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Down the middle of the shul, splits off at the bimah</li> <li>48" with a glass top</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Babysitting is available for 3-7 year olds</li> </ul>
Illinois	<b>Anshe Shalom B'nai Israel Congregation</b> RELIGIOUS LEADER: Rabbi Asher Lopatin WEBSITE: http://www.asbi.org/ EMAIL: shul@asbi.org PHONE: 773-248-9200 ADDRESS: 540 West Melrose, Chicago, Illinois 60657	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women currently serve as president, vice president, and Board members</li> <li>There is a female ritual and educational director</li> <li>There are women on the ritual committee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women scholars in residence</li> <li>Bat mitzvah girls speak from the amud during services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women carry the Torah through the women's side</li> <li>Women say birkhat hagomel from the women's side</li> <li>Mother's names optional in aliyyot; Rabbi Lopatin occasionally uses his mother's name</li> <li>Pre-Bar and Bat Mitzvah boys and girls lead anim zmirot together</li> <li>Post Bar and Bat Mitzvah boys and girls lead kiddush Shabbat morning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women may say kaddish</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WT monthly for shabbat mincha with Toah reading</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bat Mitzvah: girls read from the Torah after services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Purim: Women's Esther reading</li> <li>Shavuot: Women's Ruth reading</li> <li>Simchat Torah: Women's kriyat haTorah during the day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>40" mechitzah; down the middle</li> <li>Poor Visibility</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Babysitting and groups from 10 am on</li> <li>Babysitting is available from the age of 1 year and up.</li> </ul>
	<b>Northwestern University Hillel Orthodox Minyan</b> RELIGIOUS LEADER: Rabbi Josh Feigelson WEBSITE: www.nuhillel.org, www.nuhom.org, EMAIL: rabbijosh@northwestern.edu, PHONE: 847-467-4455 ADDRESS: 629 Foster St., Evanston, IL 60201	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is no formal Board</li> <li>Women are active in all aspects of running the minyan</li> <li>Women serve on the informal board, including filling the role of president</li> <li>There has been no female intern due to the size of the congregation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women speak from the amud</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Torah is passed to the women's section, women carry it through the section</li> <li>Women recite birkhat hagomel</li> <li>Mother's names are included in aliyyot</li> <li>A prayer for agunot is recited</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women may recite kaddish</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No WT due to small size of the congregation</li> <li>No Kriyat HaTorah because no WI</li> <li>Women read all the megillot</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Events such as Bat Mitzvah and Shalom Bat are celebrated</li> <li>For Bat Mitzvah, girl may recite a Dvar Torah during the Shabbat service. Some families choose to make a partnership minyan for their daughter's bat Mitzvah. The entire congregation attends this partnership minyan.</li> <li>Mothers are included in the celebration of son's life cycle events</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Simchat Torah: Women's Torah reading</li> <li>Mixed reading for all megillot – Shir Hashirim, Ruth, Kohelet, and Esther on Purim evening</li> <li>Sukkot: women's Hashanot</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Down the middle - The front portion is 40", the back portion is 46"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes, every Shabbat and for all holidays.</li> </ul>
Maryland	<b>Beth Shalom Congregation and Talmud Torah</b> RELIGIOUS LEADER: Rabbi Joel Tessler WEBSITE: http://www.bethsholom.org/ EMAIL: office@bethsholom.org PHONE: 301-279-7010 ADDRESS: 11829 Seven Locks Road, Potomac, MD 20854	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women are eligible for all Board positions</li> <li>Currently a female president</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>After shul women may give divrei Torah, announcements, etc... from the amud</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Torah is passed to the women</li> <li>Women recite birkhat hagomel</li> <li>Prayer for agunot is said</li> <li>Congregants have the option to include mother's name during misheberach</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women may say kaddish</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monthly WT at Shabbat mincha and Shabbat Mevorchim</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bat Mitzvah: Girls deliver speeches from the bimah and after services girls may read a megillah (Shir Hashirim, Ruth, Kohelet, or Esther on Purim)</li> <li>Bar Mitzvah: Both parents say baruch she-pitarani</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Purim night: women's megillah reading</li> <li>Simchat Torah: Women's kriyat haTorah during the day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Down the middle - 48", top part is glass</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Different groups based on age: kindergarten - 2nd grade, 3rd grade - 6th grade</li> <li>Torah Tots from 8 months to 4 years</li> </ul>
	<b>Beth T'filoh Congregation</b> RELIGIOUS LEADER: Rabbi Mitchell Wohlberg WEBSITE: http://www.bethfiloh.com/podium/default.aspx?i=17394 EMAIL: aabramson@bfiloh.org, esteinberg@bfiloh.org PHONE: 410-486-1900, 410-413-2215 ADDRESS: Baltimore, MD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women serve on the Board</li> <li>A woman currently serves as the chair of the Board</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women speak from the amud during services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Torah passed to women's section, where women carry it</li> <li>Women lead prayers for the government in Hebrew and English</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women may say kaddish</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WT once a month on Rosh Chodesh with kriyat haTorah</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bat Mitzvah reads a selection from Tenach after services for the whole shul (pushing out women's mincha tefillah in favor of this)</li> <li>Both parents speak from the amud for Bar/Bat mitzvah's</li> <li>Both the bride and groom say a perek at their aufruf</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Purim: Women's megillah reading Purim morning</li> <li>Sukkot: women's hoshanot are allowed, but did not happen this past year due to a lack of interest</li> <li>Simchat Torah: women's hakafot</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Down the middle, 48", with glass top</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Babysitting and junior congregation</li> <li>Family room with glass window-wall adjacent to main sanctuary</li> </ul>
	<b>Netivot Shalom, The New Shul of Baltimore</b> RELIGIOUS LEADER: Rotating "Rabbi's on call" from congregants with smicha WEBSITE: www.netivotshalom.net EMAIL: info@netivotshalom.net PHONE: 443-630-9520 ADDRESS: 7602 Labyrinth Road, Baltimore, MD 21208	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women serve as Board officers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women may speak from the amud</li> <li>Women deliver divrei Torah and teach classes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women's Ritual Participation</li> <li>Torah is passed to the women before and after Torah reading</li> <li>Women recite birkhat hagomel</li> <li>Women recite the tefillah I'shlom hamedinad and the tefillah for the American Government</li> <li>Mother's name may be included in aliyyot and misheberachs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women may recite kaddish</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monthly WT group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To date, there have not been any Bat Mitzvah or Shalom Bat ceremonies</li> <li>Women are included but mil and Bar Mitzvah celebrations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coed readings of: Megillah Esther, Kohelet, Shir Hashirim and Ruth</li> <li>Simchat Torah: Discussions pending on women reciting Ata Hareta</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Down the middle; opened for shuvin and other non-davening events</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes</li> </ul>

Massachusetts	<p><b>B'nai Israel Congregation of Baltimore</b>          RELIGIOUS LEADER: Rabbi Alan J. Yuter          WEBSITE: <a href="http://jewishdowntown.org/">http://jewishdowntown.org/</a>          EMAIL: <a href="mailto:shul@jewishdowntown.org">shul@jewishdowntown.org</a>, <a href="mailto:ravbensam@shaarei.org">ravbensam@shaarei.org</a>          PHONE: 410-732-5454          ADDRESS: 27 Lloyd Street, Baltimore, MD 21202</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women serve as Board members, may be president</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women may speak from the amud after tefillah</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Torah carried through women's section, followed by rabbi</li> <li>Women recite birkhat hagomel</li> <li>Women are permitted but not required to wear tallit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women may say kaddish with a minyan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rabbi permits WT (but not Torah reading) – does not occur because there is no demand</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bat mitzvah does the haftarah without brachot after services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women's megillah Esther reading on Purim, men can listen</li> <li>Women's hakafot on Simchat Torah but neither women nor men dance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>50" overall (40" solid, 10" glass)</li> <li>Women sit on the balcony</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only on high holidays (few children in the congregation, since the congregation is generally older)</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Congregation Shaarei Tefillah</b>          RELIGIOUS LEADER: Rabbi Benjamin Samuels          WEBSITE: <a href="http://www.shaarei.org/">http://www.shaarei.org/</a>          EMAIL: <a href="mailto:office@shaarei.org">office@shaarei.org</a>, <a href="mailto:ravbensam@shaarei.org">ravbensam@shaarei.org</a>          PHONE: 617-527-7637          ADDRESS: 35 Morsland Ave, Newton Centre, MA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the past have had female presidents</li> <li>Women currently hold several Executive Board positions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women may speak from the amud after Adon Olam</li> <li>Female Board members make announcements from the amud</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women say kay male rachamim from their side of the mechitzah</li> <li>Women recite birkhat hagomel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women may say kaddish</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WT occurs once a month for Shabbat Mevorchim with friyat haTorah (called "Irmud" Torah)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bat Mitzvah: Girls and their mothers speak from the amud during regular Shabbat morning services, after Adon Olam, or have a women's tefillah on shabbat morning</li> <li>Families may choose to hold a WT during either shacharit or mincha where the Bat Mitzvah girl will layn and lead davening.</li> <li>Mothers often speak during the WT</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Purim morning: Women's megillah reading</li> <li>Tisha B'Av morning: Women's reading of Megilat Eichah</li> <li>Sukkot: Women have their own hoshanot in the women's section</li> <li>Simchat Torah: Women have their own Torah readings and alyot</li> <li>Equal Torah access for dancing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Runs front to back with the bimah, aron, and amud near the mechitzah</li> <li>It is 60 inches: 54" translucent and 6" transparent</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provided for children ages toddler through 5th grade starting at 10:30 a.m.</li> <li>There is a nursing room</li> </ul>
Michigan	<p><b>The Ann Arbor Orthodox Minyan/ Univ of Michigan Hillel</b>          RELIGIOUS LEADER: Rabbi Rod Glogower          WEBSITE: <a href="http://www.annarborminyan.org/">http://www.annarborminyan.org/</a>          EMAIL: <a href="mailto:Rabbi@annarborminyan.org">Rabbi@annarborminyan.org</a>, <a href="mailto:secretary@annarborminyan.org">secretary@annarborminyan.org</a>          PHONE: 734-994-5822          ADDRESS: 1429 Hill Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48104</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently, the president is a woman, and women hold other positions on the Board as well</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women may speak from the amud when the Rabbi is out of town, and have given divrei Torah during services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A man walks the Torah through the women's section</li> <li>Mother's names included in mishberach's but not alyot.</li> <li>Women have worn talleisim</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women may say kaddish</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bat Mitzvah: Girls deliver a d'var Torah, and have the options of reading the megillah or having a siyum mishnayot</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Purim: women's megillah reading</li> <li>Simchat Torah: women's Torah reading</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Down the middle - 48", cloth, fine visibility</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Groups run by parents in rotation</li> </ul>
Minnesota	<p><b>Darchei Noam</b>          RELIGIOUS LEADER: N/A          WEBSITE: <a href="http://www.darcheinoammn.org/">http://www.darcheinoammn.org/</a>          EMAIL: <a href="mailto:DarcheiNoamMN@yahoo.com">DarcheiNoamMN@yahoo.com</a>          PHONE: 952-929-1139          ADDRESS: 5224 Minnetonka Blvd., St. Louis Park Minneapolis, MN 55416</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current president is female</li> <li>Past presidents have been female</li> <li>Women serve on the board</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women speak from the amud after services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Torah passed to women's section, women carry the torah</li> <li>Women recite birkhat hagomel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women may say kaddish</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sporadic WT</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bat Mitzvah: Girls deliver a d'var Torah from the bimah</li> <li>WT micha service with kriya Torah, fewer than 10 men from the family may attend in the men's section</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Simchat Torah: Women's tefillah</li> <li>Purim: Women's megillah reading</li> <li>Roch Chodesh: Occasional women's tefillah</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Down the middle</li> <li>86" high, bottom is opaque, top is translucent</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes, child care groups run by teenagers</li> </ul>
New Jersey	<p><b>Congregation Ahavath Torah</b>          RELIGIOUS LEADER: Rabbi Shmuel Goldin          WEBSITE: <a href="http://www.ahavathTorah.org/">http://www.ahavathTorah.org/</a>          EMAIL: <a href="mailto:rgoldin@ahavathTorah.org">rgoldin@ahavathTorah.org</a>          PHONE: 201-589-1315          ADDRESS: 240 Broad Avenue, Englewood, NJ 07631</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women leadership positions include: President, Board Members, and yoetzet halakcha to answer women's questions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women speak from the amud only at completion of services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Birkhat Hagomel for women can be arranged by the Rabbi</li> <li>Women may kiss the Torah</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women recite kaddish in the women's section quietly along with the men</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bat Mitzvahs recognized by the Rabbi from the pulpit</li> <li>Bat Mitzvah can speak after services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Simchat Torah: Women dance with Torah</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 foot tall mechitzah, lattice, women sit on the sides, which are raised</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>K'lon ton and pre-ktion ton groups available during services (ages 2-5)</li> <li>Junior congregation</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Congregation Rinat Yisrael</b>          RELIGIOUS LEADER: Rabbi Yosef Adler          WEBSITE: <a href="http://www.rinat.org/">http://www.rinat.org/</a>          EMAIL: <a href="mailto:office@rinat.org">office@rinat.org</a>          PHONE: 201-837-2795          ADDRESS: 389 West Englewood Ave., Teaneck, NJ 07666</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women serve on the Board, but not as president</li> <li>Women may be the first vice president</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women may speak from the amud after davening.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women recite birkhat hagomel after davening is over</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women may say kaddish quietly along with the men.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bat Mitzvah: Ceremony, but not during shul. A kiddush after shul.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Simchat Torah: Woman dance with the Torah.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Down the middle, 54" tall, the top is lattice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth groups from ages 3 years to 5th grade</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Congregation Netivot Shalom</b>          RELIGIOUS LEADER: Rabbi Nati Helfgot          WEBSITE: <a href="http://www.netivotshalom.com/">http://www.netivotshalom.com/</a>          EMAIL: <a href="mailto:baryherzog@aol.com">baryherzog@aol.com</a>          PHONE: 201-931-0707          ADDRESS: 811 Palisades Ave., Teaneck, NJ 07666</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women serve on the Board and on committees</li> <li>A woman serves as president</li> <li>Women give classes (weekly parsha class, shiurim on Shavuos and throughout the year)</li> <li>Women deliver divrei Torah</li> <li>Women Scholars in Residence</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women may speak from the amud</li> <li>There is access from the women's section to the bima via a door</li> <li>If a woman is speaking during davening, a curtain is placed across the entry point in the men's section to designate the bima as part of the women's section</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Torah is passed to the women during davening, a curtain is placed across the entry point in the men's section to designate the bima as part of the women's section</li> <li>Women recite birkhat hagomel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women may say kaddish</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WT several times per year within the shul building -- men may attend as long as there are less than 10 men present</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bat Mitzvah: Girls participate in a WT or deliver a d'var Torah from the amud following Shabbat services</li> <li>Misheberach at namings or brit milah can include both parents' names</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Simchat Torah: Women's kriyah</li> <li>Sukkot: Women hold the Torah during hakafot</li> <li>Tisha B'Av: Women introduce Kiot and Eichah</li> <li>Purim: Regular women's megillah reading</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approximately 48" high; entire shul is visible from both sides of the mechitzah</li> <li>Bimah is adjacent to the women's section</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth groups for children older than 2 years of age (pre-school groups contain toys for younger children)</li> <li>Rooms for private breast/feeding are available</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Young Israel of East Brunswick</b>          RELIGIOUS LEADER: Rabbi Yaakov Wasser          WEBSITE: <a href="http://www.yieb.org/">http://www.yieb.org/</a>          EMAIL: <a href="mailto:Rabbi@yieb.org">Rabbi@yieb.org</a>          PHONE: 732-254-1860          ADDRESS: 193 Dunhams Corner Road, East Brunswick, NJ 08816</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There has been a female president in the past</li> <li>Many women serve on the Board</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women may speak from the amud after davening.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women may say kaddish when at least one man in the minyan is also reciting kaddish</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bat Mitzvah: Girls receive a sidduar as a present and may deliver a d'var Torah from the bimah after davening</li> <li>Bat Mitzvah girls receive a sidduar as a present</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Simchat Torah: Women have a separate hakafah without a sefer Torah.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Front to back</li> <li>Top is plexiglass</li> <li>Approximately 5-5 1/2 feet high</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Groups and junior congregation</li> </ul>	
New York, New York City	<p><b>Congregation Shearith Israel – Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue</b>          RELIGIOUS LEADER: Rabbi Hayyim Angel, Rabbi Lynn Kaye, Director of Jewish Life and Learning          WEBSITE: <a href="http://www.shearithisrael.org/">http://www.shearithisrael.org/</a>          EMAIL: <a href="mailto:office@shearithisrael.org">office@shearithisrael.org</a>, <a href="mailto:Rabbi.hjangel@shearithisrael.org">Rabbi.hjangel@shearithisrael.org</a>          PHONE: 212 873 0300          ADDRESS: 8 West 70th Street, New York, NY 10023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4/15 Board members are women</li> <li>There has not yet been a female president</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women speak from the amud after services</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women may say kaddish</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is a WT six times a year</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bat Mitzvah: A girl can read the from the sefer, the haftarah, and other parts of tefillah during her ceremony.</li> <li>Ceremony takes place during WT or on a Sunday.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Purim: Pre-BM girls read it for the whole shul.</li> <li>Shavuos: Women's reading of Ruth</li> <li>Simchat Torah: women's hakafot</li> <li>Girls read Shir Hashirim for the whole shul</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women sit in the balcony</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Groups, Junior Congregation, Tot Shabbat, and Childcare</li> </ul>

<p><b>Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun (KJ)</b>  RELIGIOUS LEADER: Rabbi Haskel Lookstein  WEBSITE: <a href="http://www.kj.org/splash.html">http://www.kj.org/splash.html</a>  EMAIL: <a href="mailto:rh@kj.org">rh@kj.org</a>, <a href="mailto:alice@kj.org">alice@kj.org</a>  PHONE: 212-774-6600  ADDRESS: 125 East 85th St., New York, NY 10028</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women on the Board and Executive Committee</li> <li>• Women can be president</li> <li>• There is a female congregational intern</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women speak after services for invited talks, from the amud</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women may say birkhat hagomel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women can say kaddish, but not without a minyan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WT meets six times per year, roughly (depending on rosh chodesh and life cycle events), for the past 15 years</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bat Mitzvah at WT, or she can give a shuir</li> <li>• Shalom Bat</li> <li>• Women's participation is encouraged at events</li> <li>• A woman can have a WT for her aufruf</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sukkot: Lulavim and etrogim passed around the women's section</li> <li>• Simchat Torah: Women have a sefer Torah in women's section</li> <li>• Shavuot: Two Keter Torah Awards presented in the synagogue at the close of services on the second day of Yom Tov - a parallel to chatanim on Simchat Torah. Women give shurim at tikkan leil shavuot.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women sit in the balcony</li> <li>• For events like Purim, Tisha B'Av, and Yom Hashoah they sit in the main section with a temporary mechitzah</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes. Ages three years and up.</li> <li>• Toddler room which requires adult supervision</li> </ul>
<p><b>Kehilat Orach Eliezer (KOE)</b>  RELIGIOUS LEADER: Rosh Kehilah Dina Najman-Licht  WEBSITE: <a href="http://koe.org/">http://koe.org/</a>  EMAIL: <a href="mailto:info@koe.org">info@koe.org</a>  PHONE: N/A  ADDRESS: 891 Amsterdam Avenue, New York, NY 10025</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The first female co-president was in 1994</li> <li>• Several women have served as president or co-president since then</li> <li>• Women may serve in all leadership positions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The d'var Torah is lay lead, and women have an equal opportunity to deliver it</li> <li>• The Rosh Kehilah delivers the d'var Torah whenever she wants to</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Torah is passed through the women's section</li> <li>• Women may say birkhat hagomel</li> <li>• Women may lead prayer for US government or State of Israel, as well as special tehilim</li> <li>• Since 1993 a woman has led Kabbalat Shabbat</li> <li>• Women do pesicha during the Torah service, take out the Torah scroll(s), hand them to the men, and later return the Torah scroll(s) to the ark</li> <li>• Women make kiddush for the community Friday night and Shabbat morning</li> <li>• Women make the bracha achronah for the community at the end of Kiddush</li> <li>• For the regular Torah reading, there is one gabbai and one gabbait as the two people checking the accuracy of the Torah reader, calling up those honored with aliyot, and making the mishberachot</li> <li>• All of these responsibilities can be done by either the gabbai or gabbait</li> <li>• Women can do hagba and gelliah</li> <li>• Women lead ann zemanot and the shir shel yom</li> <li>• Mother's names may be used for aliyot</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women say kaddish even when no man is saying it</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is no interest in a separate kriyah, but space is reserved for a WT in case congregants change their minds</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hosts may request a Partnership Minyan style mixed kriyah for life cycle events (in addition to the regular kriyah)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simchat Torah: There is a Kallat Torah and Kallat Bereshit aliyot for women with women laying, then a Chatan Torah and Chatan Bereshit aliyot for men with men laying</li> <li>• Equal mechitzah access for Simchat Torah dancing</li> <li>• Sukkot: Lulavim are shared between men and women on their respective sides of the mechitzah</li> <li>• Women have their own hoshanot on their side of the mechitzah</li> <li>• All megillot are read after musaf</li> <li>• Both men and women read from the megillah</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mechitzah is down the middle of the shul</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a room for children but no regular babysitter</li> <li>• There is a Youth Tefillah to teach young girls and boys to pray and to lead services once every 6-8 weeks</li> </ul>
<p><b>The Jewish Center</b>  RELIGIOUS LEADER: Rabbi Ari Berman  WEBSITE: <a href="http://www.jewishcenter.org/">http://www.jewishcenter.org/</a>  EMAIL: <a href="mailto:aberman@jewishcenter.org">aberman@jewishcenter.org</a>, <a href="mailto:zev@jewishcenter.org">zev@jewishcenter.org</a>  PHONE: 212-724-2700  ADDRESS: 131 West 86th St., New York, NY 10024</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Female president</li> <li>• Many women serve on the board</li> <li>• Female resident scholars</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women can speak from the amud after services (men also speak from the amud after services, only the Rabbi speaks during services)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women recite birkhat hagomel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women may say kaddish, some women are very dedicated to doing some</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bat Mitzvah: d'var Torah from the amud after services</li> <li>• Mothers may speak at son's Bar Mitzvah or Bris after services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simchat Torah: Women dance with the Torah downstairs</li> <li>• Sukkot: women's hoshanot</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women's section consists of raised sections on the sides of the sanctuary and seating in the balcony</li> <li>• Full view</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes, age appropriate programming involving parsha content and davening from age 2-12.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Lincoln Square Synagogue</b>  RELIGIOUS LEADER: Rabbi Shaul Robinson  WEBSITE: <a href="http://www.lss.org/">www.lss.org/</a>  EMAIL: <a href="mailto:info@lss.org">info@lss.org</a>  PHONE: 212-874-6100  ADDRESS: 200 Amsterdam Ave., New York, NY 10023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women serve on the Board</li> <li>• There is a female vice president. Women may serve as president, but thus far there has not been a female president.</li> <li>• Female community scholar, very well respected, delivers sermons after the service.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women can speak from the amud after services</li> <li>• Women may deliver lectures from the amud during the week</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women recite birkhat hagomel, women stands up from her seat and the congregation responds.</li> <li>• Torah is carried through the women's section.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women may say kaddish</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WT meets approximately once a month</li> <li>• Women layn from the Torah during WT</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bat Mitzvah: d'var Torah from the amud after services</li> <li>• Bat Mitzvah: Girl may choose to celebrate her Bar Mitzvah during WT with Kriyat HaTorah</li> <li>• Mothers may speak at son's Bar Mitzvah after services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purim: Women's megilat Esther reading during WT</li> <li>• Sukkot: Women's hoshanot</li> <li>• Simcha Torah - WT</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plexiglass, in the round</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes, starting at age two.</li> <li>• Special youth programs and programs for toddlers.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Congregation Ramath Orah</b>  RELIGIOUS LEADER: Rabbi Stephen Friedman  WEBSITE: <a href="http://ramathorah.org/">http://ramathorah.org/</a>  EMAIL: <a href="mailto:info@ramathorah.org">info@ramathorah.org</a>, <a href="mailto:rabbi@ramathorah.org">rabbi@ramathorah.org</a>  PHONE: 212-222-2470  ADDRESS: 550 West 110th Street, New York, NY 10025</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employed female congregational intern in '03-'04</li> <li>• Women serve on the Board, the Executive Committee, and as Officers</li> <li>• Female vice-president, woman could serve as president</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women may speak from the amud Friday night between kabbalat Shabbat and maariv or Shabbat morning after musaf, before Adon Olam or at Seudah Shlishit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Torah carried through women's section, women carry the Torah through the women's section</li> <li>• Women may bench birkhat hagomel</li> <li>• Mother's name included in aliyot upon request</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women may say kaddish even if no man is saying it, but not without a minyan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WT meets five times a yr</li> <li>• Women participate in Kriyat HaTorah at WT</li> <li>• Women layn Megillah Esther</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bat Mitzvah: Varies. Some girls choose to lead a full service including Kriyat HaTorah during WT. Other girls give a drasha during the main service.</li> <li>• Shalom Bat: varies, depending on family's desires, ranging from formal ceremony in shul to an informal gathering in the home.</li> <li>• Mothers are included in sons' life cycle events.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simchat Torah: Women dance with the Torah</li> <li>• Simchat Torah: Women's kriyah</li> <li>• Purim: Women's megillah reading</li> <li>• Sukkot: Women's hoshanot.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mechitzah down the middle of the shul and balcony (balcony was former women's section, is now divided to include men)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes, two groups based on age. Childcare includes age appropriate instruction Ages 0-10.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Stanton Street Shul – Bnai Jacob Anshei Brzezan</b>  RELIGIOUS LEADER: Rabbi Josh Yuter  WEBSITE: <a href="http://www.stantonstshul.com">www.stantonstshul.com</a>  EMAIL: <a href="mailto:yuter@gmail.com">yuter@gmail.com</a>  ADDRESS: 180 Stanton Street (Lower East Side), New York, NY 10002</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women serve on the executive board and may be president</li> <li>• The synagogue currently has a female Vice President</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women may speak from the amud</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Torah is passed to the women</li> <li>• Women recite birkhat hagomel from the women's section</li> <li>• Mother's name is used for aliyot upon request</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women may recite kaddish, even if no men are reciting kaddish.</li> <li>• Men are not required to say kaddish along with women, but do to facilitate.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WT meets every two months</li> <li>• Women layn from the Torah during WT</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bat Mitzvah: Bat Mitzvah tefillah group (only one in history). Girl laysn from the Torah.</li> <li>• Mothers come forward for brit milot and Bar Mitzvah's</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purim: Women's megillah reading</li> <li>• Simchat Torah: Women's kriyah</li> <li>• Sukkot: Separate women's hakafot</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The women's section is in the back half of the synagogue</li> <li>• Lace curtain mechitzah</li> <li>• Unobstructed view</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No – but there is a play space available downstairs during Shabbat services</li> </ul>
<p><b>Albert Einstein College of Medicine Synagogue</b>  RELIGIOUS LEADER: Rabbi Mondrow  WEBSITE: <a href="http://www.aecomshul.org/">http://www.aecomshul.org/</a>  EMAIL: <a href="mailto:R.Mondrow@aecomshul.org">R.Mondrow@aecomshul.org</a>  PHONE: N/A  ADDRESS: 1935 Eastchester building, Apt. 28B, Bronx, NY 10461</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women on the Board</li> <li>• Currently being debated whether woman could be president or make announcements</li> </ul>						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purim: Women's megillah reading on campus, not endorsed by shul</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chest height, down the center</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No</li> </ul>
<p><b>Hebrew Institute of Riverdale (HIR)</b>  RELIGIOUS LEADER: Rabbi Avi Weiss  WEBSITE: <a href="http://www.hir.org/">http://www.hir.org/</a>  EMAIL: <a href="mailto:hir_nexus@yahoo.com">hir_nexus@yahoo.com</a>, <a href="mailto:hirshuli@yahoo.com">hirshuli@yahoo.com</a>  PHONE: 718-796-4730  ADDRESS: 3700 Henry Hudson Parkway, Bronx, NY 10463</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employ a Madricha Ruchanit</li> <li>• There are many women on the Executive Board, but there has never been a female president</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women may speak from the amud during shul</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women participate in any permissible rituals</li> <li>• Men often insert their mother's name when getting an aliyah</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women may say kaddish</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WT once a month</li> <li>• Women participate in Kriyat HaTorah at WT.</li> <li>• Women layn megillot in front of the congregation after the service.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bat Mitzvah: Girls may lead an entire service, including Kriyat HaTorah, during WT. Girls may also choose to give a drasha during the main service.</li> <li>• Women participate in and lead life cycle events including: baby namings, britot, funerals, and weddings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simchat Torah: Women dance with the Torah in the women's section.</li> <li>• Purim: Women layn Megillah Esther in front of the congregation.</li> <li>• Sukkot: Women's hashafut.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mechitzah is down the middle of the sanctuary; women have access to the bimah, which is exactly in the middle of the room</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Groups for children ages 1 year old and up through teenagers' minyan.</li> <li>• Nursing Room</li> </ul>

New York, Bronx

New York, Brooklyn	<p><b>Young Israel of Flatbush</b>          RELIGIOUS LEADER: Rabbi Auman          WEBSITE: N/A          EMAIL: aumanchildren@aol.com, stuffys1@aol.com          PHONE: 718-377-4400/01          ADDRESS: 1012 Avenue I, Brooklyn, New York 11230</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women serve as Board members, not as president</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women may not speak from the amud, but can speak at seudat shlishit and as guest lecturers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women may recite birkhat hagomel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women may recite kaddish (made to feel included, contribute to yartzeit kiddush)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No, but there is a tehilim group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bat mitzvah: Usually consists of a sponsored kiddush</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimal participation</li> <li>• There is a women's hoshanot on Sukkot</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The mechitzah is on a raised platform with wooden railings on both sides</li> <li>• Full view</li> </ul>	
New York, Queens	<p><b>Congregation Etz Chaim of Kew Gardens Hills</b>          RELIGIOUS LEADER: Rabbi Moshe Rosenberg          WEBSITE: www.etzchaimkgh.org          EMAIL: N/A          PHONE: 718-380-9510          ADDRESS: 147-19 7 3rd Avenue Flushing, NY 11367</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women serve on the Board</li> <li>• Women serve as Officers on the Board</li> <li>• Women chair various committees</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women recite birkhat hagomel</li> <li>• Mothers names are included in misheberachs for sick people</li> <li>• Father and mother's names are occasionally included in regular misheberachs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women may recite kaddish, but only if a male is already reciting kaddish</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bat Mitzvah girls deliver a d'var Torah from the ezrat nashim</li> <li>• Some families hold a Simchat Bat</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women participate in holidays from the ezrat nashim but do not lead the rituals or services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Balcony</li> <li>• There is also a small ezrat nashim in the main sanctuary which is mostly wood with a white curtain towards the top</li> <li>• The curtain can be pushed aside</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Childcare Available During Services</li> <li>• Children's tefillah groups and baby/toddler groups are offered during davaning</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Young Israel of Hillcrest</b>          RELIGIOUS LEADER: Rabbi Dr. Richard Weiss          WEBSITE: http://www.yhillcrest.org/          EMAIL: questions@yhillcrest.org          PHONE: 718-969-2990          ADDRESS: 169-07 Jewel Avenue, Hillcrest, NY 11365</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women serve as Board members</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women may speak from the amud between Shabbat mincha and maariv</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Torah is not passed to the women's section</li> <li>• Occasional birkhat hagomel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women may say kaddish</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WT approved by previous Rabbi, but occurred outside of shul (in private homes)</li> <li>• Borrow Sefer Torah from the shul</li> <li>• Currently only meets on Rosh Chodesh</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bat Mitzvah: Girls receive certificate and letter (similar to a Bar Mitzvah gift) after davaning</li> <li>• No Shalom Bat</li> <li>• No inclusion of mothers in sons' life cycle events</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sukkot: Previous Rebbeztin would bring lulav/etrog for the women's section</li> <li>• Simchat Torah: Previously had Hakafot, but at present there is no interest to have one</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wood from the waist down – from waist to chest level: gold-metallic type structure with openings</li> <li>• Full view</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nursery age and up, groups and Jr. and teen minyan</li> <li>• 9:45am-end of services</li> </ul>
New York, Long Island	<p><b>Lido Beach Synagogue, Congregation Etz Chaim</b>          RELIGIOUS LEADER: Rabbi Daniel Mehlman          WEBSITE: http://www.lido beachesynagogue.org/          EMAIL: lidosynagogue@aol.com          PHONE: 516-889-9650          ADDRESS: Lido Blvd. and Fairway Rd., Lido Beach, NY 11561</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women serve as Board members</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infrequently, and would need to be after services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women may recite birkhat hagomel</li> <li>• Mother's name recited in misheberach, not aliyot</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women do not usually say kaddish, but they can stand when men are saying it</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bat mitzvah: Girls may deliver a d'var Torah from the amud after services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simchat Torah: Dancing with a Torah</li> <li>• Chanukah and Purim: Program for children and adults</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 feet high</li> <li>• top is lattice, which allows for visibility</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10-11:30 on Shabbat</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Great Neck Synagogue</b>          RELIGIOUS LEADER: Rabbi Dale Potakoff          WEBSITE: http://www.gns.org/          EMAIL: info@gns7.org          PHONE: 516-487-6100          ADDRESS: 26 Old Mill Road Great Neck, NY 11023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women can be on the general board, but not president</li> <li>• Women have 2 of the 14 spots on the executive board</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women guest speakers address congregation after davaning is completed on Shabbat morning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women may recite birkhat hagomel</li> <li>• Mother's name may be included in misheberach after aliyah (Torah, but the gabbai doesn't require it)</li> <li>• Torah brought to mechitzah, but not passed to the women's section on Shabbat morning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women may say kaddish</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women's tefillah of Great Neck Synagogue meets monthly for Shabbat mincha</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bat Mitzvah: Girls may address congregation after davaning (although most do not choose to do so)</li> <li>• Some girls have a women's tefillah or give a d'var torah at mincha</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purim: WT davaning and tanying of the megillah</li> <li>• Simchat Torah: Evening hakafot with Torah, WT shachant and mussaf, including hakafot, each woman gets an aliyah (Torah)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Circular design: men inside circle, women in outer circle</li> <li>• Additional seating in back of shul with mechitzah down the middle</li> <li>• The women's section is available at every minyan</li> <li>• The mechitza has good visibility</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Groups for toddlers through 5th grade</li> <li>• Programs start at 10:30</li> <li>• Toddler room, but no official babysitter</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Congregation Beth Shalom</b>          RELIGIOUS LEADER: Rabbi Kenneth Hain          WEBSITE: http://bethsholom.us/          EMAIL: office@bethsholom.us          PHONE: 516-569-3600          ADDRESS: 390 Broadway, Lawrence, NY 11559</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women serve on the Board</li> <li>• No president or Chair of the Board to date</li> <li>• Women on Executive Committee</li> <li>• Possibly hiring a female staff member from Stern's graduate Talmudic program</li> <li>• Whether a woman can serve as president has not yet been decided</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women have spoken from the amud after davaning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tehilim groups in homes</li> <li>• Women are encouraged to say birkhat hagomel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women are encouraged to say kaddish</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No WT in the shul, but there is an unaffiliated WT in the community that occurs outside</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bar mitzvah: boys can be called up by both parents' names if requested</li> <li>• Bat Mitzvah: the rabbi calls the bat mitzvah up after davaning. She may or may not deliver a d'var Torah depending on her preferences.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simchat Torah: Women's hakafot with Torah held downstairs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recently raised the height of the mechitzah: now glass top on solid bottom</li> <li>• Women sit on both sides; elevated</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Groups during davaning</li> <li>• From nursery through teenagers</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Congregation Kneseth Israel in Far Rockaway ("The White Shul")</b>          RELIGIOUS LEADER: Rabbi Tzvi Flaum          WEBSITE: N/A          EMAIL: N/A          PHONE: 718-327-0500 X25          ADDRESS: 728 Empire Ave, Far Rockaway, NY 11691</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women can say birkhat hagomel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women are permitted but not encouraged to say kaddish</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bat Mitzvah: Girls can deliver a d'var Torah within the shul building, but not in the main sanctuary</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Balcony and small women's section downstairs</li> <li>• Mechitzah is 5" high, 4" wood, 1" opaque curtain</li> </ul>	
New York, Westchester	<p><b>Anshe Sholom Synagogue</b>          RELIGIOUS LEADER: Rabbi El Rosenzweig          WEBSITE: www.anshesholomnewrochelle.org/          EMAIL: asnewroch@aol.com          PHONE: 914-632-6495          ADDRESS: 50 North Ave, New Rochelle 10805</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women and men are equally eligible for all positions on the Board of Trustees, Executive Committee and as officers of the shul</li> <li>• Women currently hold positions of vice president, secretary, and treasurer</li> <li>• Women serve on the Executive Committee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women and men both make announcements from the amud after Adon Olam</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women may recite birkhat hagomel</li> <li>• The Torah is carried through the women's section</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women are encouraged to say kaddish</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An independent WT from local Orthodox synagogues meets every other month in people's homes</li> <li>• The Rabbi and synagogue support this WT, and provide the Torah for the tefillah</li> <li>• The WT also has megillah reading on Purim</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bat Mitzvahs: Girls address the congregation from the amud with a d'var Torah after Adon Olam, or have a WT with the rabbi's support</li> <li>• Mother and father may also speak from the amud after Adon Olam</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simchat Torah: Women dance with the Torah during hakafot</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women's section is slightly raised on the sides of shul, separated by a mechitzah</li> <li>• Equal number of seats for women and men</li> <li>• Women have full view</li> <li>• About 4 feet high</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Services oriented toward children every Shabbat and Yom Tov</li> <li>• Children's programming on Shabbat and Yom Tov afternoons</li> <li>• A youth director teaches and runs services and programs on Shabbat, Yom Tov, and weekends</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Young Israel of New Rochelle</b>  RELIGIOUS LEADER: Rabbi Reuven Fink  WEBSITE: http://www.yinr.org/  EMAIL: office@yinr.org  PHONE: 914-636-2215  ADDRESS: 1149 North Avenue, New Rochelle, NY 10804</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women serve as Board members, not as president</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women may speak from the amud only after davening</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women recite birkhat hagomel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women are allowed, but not encouraged, to say kaddish</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Occurs outside of shul</li> <li>Rabbi is not supportive</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bat Mitzvah: Girls may speak from the amud after services. Usually the ceremony is not on shabbat. The rabbi will present her with books.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Simchat Torah: Women may dance with a Torah</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>65' high</li> <li>Balcony and side mechitzah. 45' solid wood, 20' open</li> <li>Side mechitzah: 45' solid wood, top 20' is glass with tracing that can be lowered during the rabbi's speech</li> <li>Women's section is raised for high visibility</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Babysitting, groups, junior and teen minyan</li> </ul>
<p><b>Congregation Ahavas Shalom</b>  RELIGIOUS LEADER: Rabbi Chaim Yosef Ackerman  WEBSITE: http://www.ahavas-shalom.org/  EMAIL: ahavas@boel.net  PHONE: 614-252-4815  ADDRESS: 2568 E. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43209</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women serve on the Board, but as not president or vice-president</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women speak from the amud after services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women can say birkhat hagomel after services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women may say kaddish, but it is not encouraged</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is a women's tehilim group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bat Mitzvah: Girls may recite a d'var Torah from the front of the shul (not the bimah) after services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Simchat Torah: Women dance without the Torah</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One-way glass: Women can see through the mechitzah from their side, men cannot see women</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes: Childcare for infants through 5, groups for ages 5-10, then teen minyan</li> </ul>
<p><b>Congregation Torat Emet</b>  RELIGIOUS LEADER: Rabbi Howard Zack  PHONE: 614-238-6778  ADDRESS: 2375 E. Main St., Columbus, OH 43209</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women may be board members</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women may speak from the amud. No one speaks until after davening.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women may say kaddish</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bat Mitzvah: Bat Mitzvah gives a dvar Torah - Women can have a siyum at seudah shishit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Simchat Torah: Women layn</li> <li>Sukkot: Women's heshbon take place in a separate room.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mechitza goes down the middle of the roon, splits at the bimah</li> <li>It is possible to see over the mechitza</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Childcare is available for toddlers through teenagers</li> </ul>
<p><b>Kesher Israel Congregation</b>  RELIGIOUS LEADER: Rabbi Dr. Chaim Schertz  WEBSITE: http://www.keshersrael.org/  EMAIL: keshersrael@aol.com  PHONE: 717-238-0763  ADDRESS: 2500 N. Third Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women are active in shul governance but not in ritual matters</li> <li>Female guest speakers and Scholars in Residence</li> <li>A woman may be president but never has</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women may speak from the amud after services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women may recite birkhat hagomel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women may say kaddish</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weekly women's tehilim group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bat mitzvah: In the past, have had a Women's tefillah Group on Rosh Chodesh and a Torah written in honor of the celebration</li> <li>The celebrations occurred off-site but with Rabbi's approval</li> <li>Now, BM has kiddush and gives dvar torah</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Simchat Torah: Women dance in a separate circle with the Torah</li> <li>Shabbat: Women's Torah class, seudah for men and women, during havdalah - the besamin box is passed through women's section</li> <li>Rosh Chodesh: Class on women in tansach</li> <li>Other Holidays: Storytelling by women relevant to that holiday</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>36" wall of marble</li> <li>Visual and auditory access not impeded</li> <li>Mechitza in daily sanctuary as well as main sanctuary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes, usually for K-5th grade</li> </ul>
<p><b>Anshei Shphard-Beth El Emeth</b>  RELIGIOUS LEADER: Rabbi Joel Finkelstein  WEBSITE: www.asbee.net  EMAIL: asbee@aol.com  PHONE: 901-882-1611  ADDRESS: 120 East Yates Road North, Memphis, TN 38120</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women may serve on the Board</li> <li>There is a female vice president</li> <li>No woman as president to date</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women may speak from the amud after services</li> <li>If a woman speaks during shul, she usually speaks from the women's section</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women can reach the Torah when it is being passed around men's section</li> <li>Women may recite birkhat hagomel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women may say kaddish</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WT every Rosh Chodesh and Tuesday</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bat Mitzvah: Depends on the girl. She can give a dvar torah after services, or at a women's seudah shishit.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Simchat Torah: Women dance in a separate circle with the Torah</li> <li>Shabbat: Women's Torah class, seudah for men and women, during havdalah - the besamin box is passed through women's section</li> <li>Rosh Chodesh: Class on women in tansach</li> <li>Other Holidays: Storytelling by women relevant to that holiday</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women's section is raised on the sides of shul; men sit in center</li> <li>Full view: plexi glass as top part</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes: Infant-teens</li> </ul>
<p><b>Ohav Shalom-The National Synagogue</b>  RELIGIOUS LEADER: Rabbi Shmuel Herzfeld  WEBSITE: http://www.ostns.org/  EMAIL: info@ost.org, RabbiHerzfeld@yahoo.com  PHONE: 202-882-7225  ADDRESS: 1600 Jonquil St NW, Wash DC 20012</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Equal number of men and women serve on the Board</li> <li>Woman is vice-president</li> <li>Female Executive Director</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women may speak from the amud</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women may recite birkhat hagomel</li> <li>Women's names used in misheberach and allyot</li> <li>Women carry the Torah during services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women may say Kaddish</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women are included in life cycle events</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>50', down the middle</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes</li> </ul>

Australia, Sydney	<p><b>Or Chadash</b>          RELIGIOUS LEADER: Rabbi David Freedman, Rabbi-in-residence          WEBSITE: www.orchadash.org.au          EMAIL: info@orchadash.org.au          PHONE: 0404-093-173          ADDRESS: Academy BJE, 56 Roscoe St, Bondi, Sydney, Australia</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women serve as Board officers.</li> <li>• There has never been a woman president, but this would be acceptable to members.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women occasionally speak from the amud.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Torah is passed through the women's section by men.</li> <li>• Women recite birkhat hagomel.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very few women have recited Kaddish, due to lack of need, BH*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Or Chadash holds services in the building used by Sydney's only Women's Tefillah Group.</li> <li>• The two groups are organizationally separate, but share many members and often host shared events.</li> <li>• Women participate in Kriyat HaTorah at WT.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bat Mitzvah: Girls sometimes share their simcha with the WT.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o The two groups daven shacharit together and then the women move upstairs for a separate kriyat haTorah and musaf.</li> <li>o The groups are rejoined for kiddush and sometimes a dvar Torah by the Bat Mitzvah girl.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Simchat Bat: Families often hold Simchat Bat ceremonies, but not necessarily through the shul.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simchat Torah: Services are similar to a Bat Mitzvah celebration with the WT.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o There is a joint shacharit, separate hakafot and leying, and then a joint kiddush and lunch.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Purim: Women layn Megillah Esther in WT</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Straight down the middle of the shul by a curtain which is pulled back for Dvrei Torah).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Childcare (including children's tefillot, kiddush, parsha quiz and games) is provided for children ages 2-7 year olds from 10:15am until the conclusion of services.</li> <li>• Or Chadash published a children's sidur with photos of children in the synagogue, for use in the children's services.</li> <li>• Childcare is provided for special events (e.g. Tisha B'Av), but not during Friday night services.</li> <li>• All our non-teffilah events (e.g. Chanukah party, Simchat Beit Hasho'evah, etc...) are child friendly.</li> </ul>
Canada, Montreal	<p><b>Congregation Beth Tikvah</b>          RELIGIOUS LEADER: Rabbi Dr. Mordecai E. Zeltz          WEBSITE: http://www.bethtikvah.qc.ca/          EMAIL: Rabbi@bethtikvah.qc.ca          PHONE: 514-683-5610          ADDRESS: 136 Westport Blvd, Dollard des Ormeaux (Montreal) Quebec H9A 2K2, Canada</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women in all positions except Rabbi, Cantor, and Ba'al Koreh</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women may speak from the amud</li> <li>• Female president delivered her remarks on Yom Kippur from the bimah</li> </ul>						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women's section on either side of men's seating</li> <li>• Raised permanent mechitzah; 4 feet high</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Groups and junior congregation</li> </ul>
	<p><b>The Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue of Montreal</b>          RELIGIOUS LEADER: Rabbi Howard S. Joseph          WEBSITE: http://www.spanishportuguese-mtl.org/          EMAIL: office@spanishportuguese-mtl.org          PHONE: 514-737-3695          ADDRESS: 4894 St. Kevin Avenue, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3W 1P2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women serve as on the Board</li> <li>• There must be at least one woman on the Executive Board</li> <li>• Female resident scholar</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women speak from the amud after services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women may touch the Torah from the men's section</li> <li>• Women recite birkhat hagomel</li> <li>• Mother's names are always included in misheberachs</li> <li>• Mother's name may be included in aliyah upon request</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women may recite kaddish</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WT held once a moth</li> <li>• Women participate in Kriyat HaTorah at WT</li> <li>• New women's learning/prayer group meets every shabbat afternoon</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simchat Bat: Celebrated in the shul</li> <li>• Bat Mitzvah: Ceremonies have been held since the 1980's             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Initiated by the Rabbi</li> <li>o Typically occur either on Shabbat morning after services or during Shabbat mincha</li> <li>o Girl gives a dvar Torah and ceremony generally includes some chanting.</li> <li>o Girl may layn from the Torah at WT for Bat Mitzvah.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purim: Women's reading of the megillah</li> <li>• Simchat Torah: women's hakafot with Torah.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raised women's section; 3 feet on the women's side, good visibility</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child care offered during Shabbat services</li> </ul>
England, London	<p><b>Yakar Kehilla</b>          RELIGIOUS LEADER: Currently seeking Rabbi and woman role model to job-share spiritual leadership of the kehilla          WEBSITE: http://www.yakarkehilla.org.uk/          EMAIL: info@yakarkehilla.org.uk, jeremy@yakar.co.uk          PHONE: 020-8202-8021          ADDRESS: 46 Green Lane, London NW4, UK</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee of 7 trustees run the shul (currently, 3/7 are women)</li> <li>• Women members vote</li> <li>• All committee positions are open to women</li> <li>• The Chair of the committee is currently a woman</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women may teach or speak from the amud</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Torah is carried by a women through the women's section</li> <li>• Women recite birkhat hagomel</li> <li>• A prayer is said for agunot</li> <li>• Women may wear tallitot.</li> <li>• Women and men join in singing during services</li> <li>• A woman may lead kiddush and al-hamichya if no-one present objects (this has not happened yet)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women may recite kaddish</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WT and Women's kriyat haTorah occur periodically</li> <li>• Use mother's name during aliyot at women's kriyat haTorah</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bat Mitzvah: Women's kriyah and mussaf if desired</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sukkot: Women have their own lulavim and etrogim; women help build the sukkah and may eat in sukkah</li> <li>• Purim: Women's reading of the megillah</li> <li>• Simchat Torah:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Separate women's Torah reading and dancing with a Torah scroll in women's section; women honored as Kallat Bereshit (just like Chatan Bereshit)</li> <li>o Each woman gets an aliyah (Torah if they want one</li> <li>o If they prefer, women have option of attending the men's minyan behind the mechitzah</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Yom Ha'atzmaut: Separate women's dancing</li> <li>• Shavuot: Women may teach at tikkun leyl Shavuot</li> <li>• Tisha B'Av: Women and men read kinot</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Portable</li> <li>• Eye-level curtain on a rod</li> <li>• Front to back down the middle, dividing hall into left and right halves</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Kid's Kehilla" children's service (for children ages 0-7 years old) organized by a rotation of parents for 30 minutes during the adult shiur</li> <li>• Childcare on high holidays, subject to demand</li> <li>• Lunch for the children in shul on Yom Kippur</li> </ul>
Israel, Ahuzat Etrog	<p><b>Beit Knesset Ashmoret Avraham</b>          RELIGIOUS LEADER: N/A          WEBSITE: N/A          EMAIL: N/A          PHONE: N/A          ADDRESS: Ahuzat Etrog, Israel</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One reserved spot on the Board for a woman</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women may only speak from the amud at special shiurim or at tikkun leyl Shavuot</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women may recite birkhat hagomel from the back of the women's section</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women may not say kaddish</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No, but there is a tehillim group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Announcement of Bat Mitzvah</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women sit in the balcony</li> <li>• Decorative metal mechitzah deemed too open, so it was covered with a sheer curtain</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Childcare is available during services</li> </ul>
Israel, Efrat	<p><b>Beit Ha'Knesset Ha'Merkazi, The Central Synagogue</b>          RELIGIOUS LEADER: N/A          WEBSITE: http://www.freewebs.com/netabinyamin/Index.htm          EMAIL: netabinyamin@yahoo.com          PHONE: 993-1137          ADDRESS: Givat Ramon, Efrat, Israel</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women are eligible for all Board positions</li> <li>• Women are "independent members" and thus have individual votes in shul meetings, elections, etc...</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women do not speak in shul</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women recite birkhat hagomel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women may say kaddish</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bat Mitzvah's noted in announcements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purim: Multiple women's megillah readings</li> <li>• Simchat Torah: Women's hakafot</li> <li>• Shavuot: In some years women are asked to give a shiur at tikkun leyl Shavuot</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Main level and lower level: wooden mechitzah with curtain that impedes ones view</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No</li> </ul>

<p><b>Kehilat Yedidya</b>  RELIGIOUS LEADER: None (Minhag Committee)  WEBSITE: www.yedidya.org.il  EMAIL: adyed@013.net.il, info@yedidya.org.il  PHONE: 02-679-0540  ADDRESS: 12 Lifshitz St. Jerusalem, Israel</p> <p><b>Israel, Jerusalem</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women serve as Board officers (currently there is a women treasurer)</li> <li>• There has been a female shul president</li> <li>• Women serve as Board chairs (currently two women are co-chairs)</li> <li>• Women serve on all shul committees (i.e. Tzedakah Committee, Education Committee and the Minhag Committee)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Torah is passed to the women's section through the women's section</li> <li>• Women recite birkhat hagomel</li> <li>• Mother's names are included in misheberachs and aliyot</li> <li>• A prayer for agunot is recited</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women may recite kaddish</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Separate women's kriyat hatorah on Shabbat mornings, usually about every 6-8 weeks and on simchas.</li> <li>• All megillah readings are shared between men and women in front of the entire community.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bat Mitzvah: Celebrated by a separate women's kriyat hatorah, girls also give a drasha before the entire community before Kriyat HaTorah.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All megillah reading are shared, alternating between men and women, in front of the entire community.</li> <li>• Purim: there is a shared megillah reading all women's megillah reading in the morning, and an all men's megillah reading.</li> <li>• Simcha Torah: women's hokafot.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Down the middle of the hall</li> <li>• The Torah reading table and the aron are in the middle of the sanctuary (half on men's side/half on women's side)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children's services (ages 2 through 6 and another service for older children) begin at the end of the Torah reading. Parents are expected to accompany children.</li> <li>• There is an area available for children to play during services. Parents share the responsibility of watching the children.</li> </ul>
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Other
• irregular women's classes

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rabbi is very enthusiastic about women's role in Judaism</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Alternative student-run partnership minyan occurs once a month on Friday nights<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Women lead Kabbalat Shabbat, and a minyan includes 10 men and 10 women</li><li>◦ Not officially part of shul, but many shul members attend</li></ul></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Occasional women's classes</li><li>• Classes are co-ed</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All education is co-ed</li></ul>

- A wide religious spectrum is welcome

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

- Women are welcome to attend all shirurim and give shiurim.

• Women's learning supported by the Rabbi – classes given in shul are open to both men and women  
• Weekly Talmud class for women

• Very active sisterhood

• Rabbi Rosenzweig is committed to enhancing women's participation within halakcha  
• All synagogue classes are coed  
• Rabbi Rosenzweig offers chavruta type study with individual women, men, and couples

• The Hebrew Institute of White Plains believes that the synagogue must be an important religious, spiritual and social home for women of all ages and backgrounds. To that end, the lay and professional leadership work together to insure that our synagogue provides for the needs of all, within a halakhic framework.

- During the summer: Kollel group provides classes for women
- Eruv exists in the community
- Handicap accessible facility

- Tzoni Kollel women's beit midrash: havruta learning

• The chores of organizing food – whether for kiddush or more formal meals – and cleaning up afterwards, are shared by men and women.

• The synagogue and its clergy actively help agunot

• Women and men give and participate in shiurim  
• Questions are encouraged from both men and women  
• Men and women prepare and tidy away the kiddush  
• Large eruv around the synagogue  
• Some practices modeled on Kehilat Yedidya in Jerusalem