

Young Israel of Hillcrest

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Women in Leadership Positions

- Women serve as Board members

Women Speaking From the Amud

- Women may speak from the *amud* between *Shabbat mincha* and *maariv*

Women's Ritual Participation

- The Torah is not passed to the women's section
- Occasional *birkhat hagomel*

Kaddish

- Women may say *kaddish*

Women's Tefillah Group

- WT approved by previous Rabbi, but occurred outside of *shul* (in private homes)
- Borrow *Sefer Torah* from the *shul*
- Currently only meets on Rosh Chodesh

Life Cycle Events

- Bat Mitzvah: Girls receive certificate and *sefer* (similar to a Bar Mitzvah gift) after *davaning*
- No Shalom Bat
- No inclusion of mothers in sons' life cycle events

Holidays

- Sukkot: Previous Rebbetzin would bring *lulav/etrog* for the women's section
- Simchat Torah: Previously had *hakafot*, but at present there is no interest to have one

Mechitzah Structure

- Wood from the waist down – from waist to chest level: gold-metallic type structure with openings
- Full view

Childcare Available During Services

- Nursery age and up, groups and Jr. and teen *minyán*

- 9:45am-end of services