Women: Time-Based Positive Mitzva Obligations

Although women and girls are generally exempt from time-dependent positive commandments (<u>mitzvot</u>), they may do some <u>mitzvot</u> for which they are not obligated and it is considered to be virtuous behavior for which they will get a reward. They may say the blessings before each <u>mitzva</u>

- 1. These are voluntary *mitzvot* that women may do:
 - Lulav
 - Sukka
 - Saying the full *shema*.
- 2. Women and girls MAY NOT wear tefilin.
- 3. Women traditionally do not:
 - Say tachanun.
 - Wear talit or tzitzit (talit katan).
 - Study gemara.
 - Say <u>kiddush leyana</u> or <u>birkat ha'chama</u>.

But these are not forbidden.

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