WOMEN: STUDY

WHAT TO TEACH GIRLS

What To Teach Girls

Girls should be taught all <u>halachot</u> relevant to girls and women, including blessings, and should be taught whatever will increase their awe of *Hashem* (*yir'at shamayim*).

WOMEN: TORAH SCROLL

Women Reading from Torah Scroll

Women may read from the *Torah* scroll when no men are around. They may say only the first blessing over the *Torah* and only if they forgot to say that blessing in the morning. They may not say the second blessing.

Women Dancing with Torah Scroll

Women should not dance with a *Torah* scroll.

WOMEN: WHAT TO STUDY

Minimum Torah Study for Women

For women and minimum requirements for *Torah* study, see Introduction to *Torah* Study.

Women: Torah or Tehillim

If a woman can either study <u>Torah</u> or say <u>Tehilim</u> (<u>Psalms</u>; recited as prayers), the priority is for her to study any <u>halachot</u> that she needs to observe before saying <u>Tehilim</u> or other prayers.

NOTE However, for the purposes of prayer, saying <u>Tehilim</u> is more important than "saying" (or reading) other parts of <u>Tanach</u>.

Women: Studying Talmud

Women are not prohibited from learning Talmud, but men should not teach them.

NOTE Since women are not required to study <u>Talmud</u>, they do not make a <u>siyum</u> if they complete studying any part.

Women: Blessings over Torah

Women are required to say the blessings over the <u>Torah</u> (<u>birchot haTorah</u>) before studying <u>Torah</u> or before praying.