WOMEN: STUDY

WHAT TO TEACH GIRLS

What To Teach Girls

Girls should be taught all *halachot* 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 *Torah* or say *Tehilim* (*Psalms*; recited as prayers), the priority is for her to study any *halachot* that she needs to observe before saying *Tehilim* or other prayers.

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

Women: Studying Talmud

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

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

Women: Blessings over Torah

Women are required to say the blessings over the *Torah* (*birchot haTorah*) before studying *Torah* or before praying.

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