

September 2009

Dear Friend,

Welcome to a new year of the HIWP Women's Tefilah Group. We are excited to serve as the coordinators of the Tefilah group this year and look forward to your input and participation.

For those of you who are newer to our community, a bit of introduction. The Women's Tefilah group was formed at HIWP with the support and guidance of Rabbi Chaim Marder, and through the efforts of a group of women who saw Women's Tefilah as an important part of HI's mission as a leader in open Orthodoxy. The Women's Tefilah now meets almost monthly, including our now annual Women's Simchat Torah reading, Megilah Reading on Purim, and Megilat Ruth reading/study session on Shavuot.

As this year's coordinators, we are excited to carry on this wonderful tradition of encouraging the spiritual development of women through active participation in Shabbat and Holiday services. We are excited to include the girls of our community in the Tefilah, both before and after they become Benot Mitzvah. Our Women's Tefilah Bat Mitzvah committee is in the process of compiling a manual to guide you through the process of planning for celebrating your daughter's simcha with us. When the manual is completed we will make it available to you.

There are many ways to be involved in Women's Tefilah, and we invite you to be involved in whatever way you find meaningful: leading a portion of davening, leining Torah, giving a Dvar Torah, being called in an aliyah to the Torah, or helping to plan our Tefilot and events. Vicky Rabinovich Fish (vickyfish@verizon.net) is our recruiter this year for participants in leading the Tefilah. Please let her know if you would like to participate in any aspect of the Tefilah. For those of you who would like to learn to lead davening or to lein, we and our Chazzan, Yitzy Spinner, can help you by providing tapes and guidance, and by possibly forming a class to learn leyning if there is enough interest.

We look forward to seeing you at all of these events!

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September 12th Bat Mitzvah of Shoshana Marder

October 3rd Special Hoshanot Buy your our own set of Lulav & Etrog
for our Women's Hoshanot

October 11th Simchat Torah Special Reading

October 17th Bat Mitzvah of Eliana Worenklein

November 7th Parshat Vayera

December 5th Parshat Vayishlach

January 30th Parshat Beshalach

February 28th Purim

May 1st Emor

June 5th Shelach

We look forward to you joining us!

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