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Dear HIWP Women's Tefillah Community,

Shana Tovah! As we joyously bring in the new year, we want to also welcome in a new year of wonderful experiences davening together in the Women's Tefillah of HIWP. There are many different ways to participate, contribute and be inspired throughout the year. You can volunteer to layn (first timers welcome!), give a dvar torah, or lead tefillah as Chazzanit; first timers are always welcome! We have a wonderful core of women who are happy to volunteer their services and be matched up with newbies. Our chazzan, Yitzy Spinner, can help with recordings of davening as well, and there is a great smart phone app for laying that both beginners and experienced readers find helpful.

One of the most wonderful aspects of Women's Tefillah it allows us to be models of engagement in davening and Torah reading for our daughters. In turn, our daughters have been models to us, as they become Bnot Mitzvah, and tackle the challenge of laying all or part of a parsha with poise and skill. One of our Simchat Torah stations is run by post-Bat Mitzvah girls, and we are eager to involve more teens throughout the year. Pre-Bat Mitzvah girls are invited to lead our community for the songs at the conclusion of davening -- please encourage them to come forward with their peers. If you are planning a Bat Mitzvah in the next couple of years, please take advantage of the Women's Tefillah Bat Mitzvah guide available in the shul office, and please don't hesitate to contact one of us for guidance about planning a Women's Tefillah Bat Mitzvah service.

Enclosed is our calendar for the upcoming year. Please note that this schedule is subject to change. We are very excited in particular about our Bnot Mitzvah. Our Simchat Torah celebration is right around the corner, and organizer Sara Kranzler is at work getting us ready. You can email Sara sdkranz@gmail.com directly to learn more or to volunteer to layn. We also are looking forward to celebrating Sukkot in shul together - so grab your arba minim and get ready for Hoshanot, which will take place after musaf.

The first Shabbat Women's Tefillah will take place on Friday Night, September 12- you should be hearing from recruiters Adina Shoulson and Dahna Stadtmauer soon. We hope you join us – there's a seat waiting for you!

If you are new to our community and curious about what happens in Women's Tefillah, please reach out to us by phone, email, or in person in shul. We'd love for you to join us. If you know of anyone else in the community who might be interested in Women's Tefillah, please tell them about us and encourage their involvement. We're really looking forward to the energy that new faces bring.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact us. We look forward to speaking to you.

Gmar Chatimah Tova

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