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www.cybergrrl.com

This site, founded by Aliza "Cybergrrl" Sherman, is informative and entertaining. Articles, advice, and terrific links on many women-related topics. Will probably appeal to teens and young women as well as older women.

www.femina.com

Femina is a search engine for women-related sites, with a section devoted to sites of particular interest to girls.

www.genderwatchers.org

GenderWatchers is an organization devoted to the advancement of women and girls. Its searchable website contains a rich assortment of resources concerning gender equity in education. The site also offers a weekly e-mail newsletter dealing with "educational, social, economic and political updates concerning women worldwide" and a monthly e-zine on education for women and girls.

www.jvibe.com

A high-energy web site for older Jewish teens, with stories, interviews, reviews, advice column, etc.

www.newmoon.org

The online version of New Moon Magazine for Girls offers extensive features (articles, poetry, fiction, mail) from current and back issues, related links, and information about subscribing.

www.smartgirl.org

Where girls find what's hot and what's not. Reviews by girls of computer games, movies, books, music, magazines, and websites. Chat space. Advice about love. Discussion of issues.

www.teenvoices.com

Online version of the print publication that offers "an intelligent alternative" to the mainstream media's image of girls. Artwork, poetry, and articles by teen and young adult women. Readers are encouraged to submit pieces about "self-esteem, racism, sexism, feminism, popular culture, health, and other issues important to them." Sample features available online from current and back issues.

Also:

www.girlculture.com

www.girlsite.org

Jewish Women & General Topics

*www.hebcal.com (Hebrew dates)

www.jew-feminist-resources.com

(interactive site for Jewish women with many links)

*www.jwa.org

(Jewish Women's Archive: Jewish women in American history)

www.myjewishlearning.com

(Jewish religion, culture, political issues, etc.)

*www.shefafund.org

(Jewish paths to justice through tzedakah)

*www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsourc/History/timeline.html

(events in Jewish history)

*www.jafi.il

(The Jewish Agency for Israel)

*www.iaej.co.il

(Israel Association for Ethiopian Jews)

FILMS

**Women of the Wall*, by Faye Lederman

Feminism arrives at the Western Wall in Jerusalem, in the form of a women's prayer group started in 1989. Despite verbal and physical attack, these women continue fighting for the right to pray in this holy space, thereby testing the limits of and expanding the interpretations of Judaism in Israel. In May 2000 the group once again made international headlines when the Israeli Supreme Court ruled in their favor after an eleven-year court case. This decision, however, dismantled only the legal barrier to their struggle and not the cultural or societal ones barring their freedom of spiritual expression.

Women of the Wall is a useful discussion tool to raise dialogue about issues of religious freedom, separation of religion and state, women's rights, women's status in religion, and civil disobedience. A one-page update of the group's current status is included with tape rental/purchase. 31 minutes/VHS. Available from New Day Films, 22-D Hollywood Avenue, Ho-ho-kus, NJ 07423 (201-652-6590, www.newday.com).

**Kotel: Jewish Teens on Gender and Tradition*, written and directed by Stuart Z. Charmé.

A documentary video about Charmé's research on Jewish teenagers' attitudes toward the Kotel and gender roles. 27 minutes. Available from Stuart Charmé, Dept of Philosophy and Religion, Rutgers University, Camden, NJ 08102 (<http://crab.rutgers.edu/~scharme/kotel.htm>).

Check with your local Board or Central Agency for Jewish Education for these films:

Amira's Choice

A young Druze girl is caught between tradition and modernity. The film watches her explore her feelings and her actions as she struggles with her conflicting desires, namely to be a doctor and to be a traditional Druze wife and mother. A film by Amiram Amitai. Color; 20 min.; Age: 9 to adult.

Half the Kingdom

Seven women strive to find common ground between religious and cultural tradition and contemporary feminist principles. American, Canadian, and Israeli women talk about their struggle to redefine their roles in Jewish life and attempt to incorporate feminist values into a religion dominated by men. Color; 59 min.; Age: 14 to adult; 1990.

Siege

The emotional climate of Israel after the Six Day War is the backdrop of this story about a young Israeli widow who encounters resistance from her husband's friends when she wants to move on with her life, with a new man. Color; one hour, 35 min.; Age: 14 to adult; 1970.

A Woman Called Golda

A video in which Ingrid Bergman portrays the late Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir, a woman who became a living symbol of dignity, humor, and hope for humanity. This was Ingrid Bergman's final film appearance. Color; 3 hours, 10 min.; Age: 12 to adult; 1982.