

Avis D. Miller served on the pulpit at Adas Israel from 1984 until being named Rabbi Emerita in 2008, with the longest pulpit tenure of any woman in the Conservative movement. Ordained from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in 1986, she is past president of the regional Rabbinical Assembly, and was the first woman to chair one of its national committees – outreach and conversion. She was instrumental in forming study groups and developing programs for adult learners – such as Hebrew Literacy, Adult Bat Mitzvah and Learners' Minyanim – as well as programs for young couples and young families. After her 1989 visit to Ethiopia, the congregation mounted an influential campaign in support of Ethiopian Jews. In July 2010, the Forward named Rabbi Miller as one of the Sisterhood 50, its first list of the most influential women rabbis in the United States. Author of *On Wings of Hope: Reflections on the High Holy Days*, Rabbi Miller received her A.B. Phi Beta Kappa from Wellesley College and her M.A. from Georgetown.
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