

## Women in the Chaplaincy - United States Armed Forces - 1985

### **Issue**

The accreditation of women as well as men rabbis for service in the United States Military.

### **Background**

The Commission on Chaplaincy of the National Jewish Welfare Board has long had a procedure of requiring unanimity in accrediting rabbis for military service. Now that the Reform and Conservative movements of Judaism ordain women as rabbis a problem has arisen, since Orthodoxy does not ordain women as rabbis.

### **Resolution**

The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods has long been committed to the equality of women with men in all areas of society including Jewish and communal life. Therefore we strongly endorse the accreditation of women who are ordained rabbis as Chaplains in the Armed Forces of the United States of America. Gender is no justification for denying ordained graduates of recognized Jewish seminaries the right to serve as military chaplains. The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods urgently supports immediate accreditation for the military by the Commission on Chaplaincy of the National Jewish Welfare Board to women rabbis as well as men