

## **Anshe Sholom B'nai Israel Congregation**

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### **Women in Leadership Positions**

- Women currently serve as president, vice president, and Board members

### **Women Speaking From the Amud**

- Women scholars in residence
- *Bat mitzvah* girls speak from the *amud* during services

### **Women's Ritual Participation**

- Women carry the Torah through the women's side
- Women say *birkhat hagomel* from the women's side
- Mother's names optional in *aliyot*; Rabbi Lopatin occasionally uses his mother's name
- Pre-Bar and Bat Mitzvah boys and girls lead *anim zmirot* together
- Post Bar and Bat Mitzvah boys and girls lead *kiddush* Shabbat morning

### **Kaddish**

- Women may say *kaddish*

### **Life Cycle Events**

- *Bat Mitzvah*: girls read from the Torah after services

### **Holidays**

- Purim day: Women's *megillah* reading
- Simchat Torah: Women's *kriyat haTorah* during the day

### **Mechitzah Structure**

- 40" *mechitzah*; down the middle

### **Childcare Available During Services**

- Babysitting and groups
- A parent must stay with children ages 0-4