

Beth Sholom Congregation and Talmud Torah

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Women in Leadership Positions

- Women are eligible for all Board positions

Women Speaking From the Amud

- After *shul* women may deliver *divrei* Torah, announcements, etc... from the *amud*

Women's Ritual Participation

- The Torah is passed to the women
- Women recite *birkhat hagomel*
- Prayer for *agunot* is said
- Congregants have the option to include mother's name during *misheberach*

Kaddish

- Women may say *kaddish*

Women's Tefillah Group

- Monthly WT at Shabbat *mincha* and Shabbat *Mevorchim*

Life Cycle Events

- Bat Mitzvah: Girls deliver speeches from the *bima* and after services girls may read a *megillah* (*Shir Hashirim*, *Ruth*, *Kohellet*, or *Esther* on *Purim*)
- Bar Mitzvah: Both parents say *baruch she-pitarani*

Holidays

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

Mechitzah Structure

- Down the middle; top part is glass

Childcare Available During Services

- Groups for children ages 4-12
- Babysitting for younger children