

Job Description: Rabbi of Anshe Sholom B'nai Israel (ASBI) Congregation

Anshe Sholom B'nai Israel Congregation is seeking a warm, welcoming and dynamic rabbi to lead it in the coming decade. The successful candidate should have a record of proven achievement and experience, Orthodox *smicha*, a serious background in both Jewish and general learning and a vision for leading a dynamic, diverse and growing Modern Orthodox community.

About ASBI: Anshe Sholom B'nai Israel Congregation is located in the vibrant Lakeview neighborhood in Chicago, one block from Lake Michigan. Over the past decade and a half, under the leadership of Rabbi Asher Lopatin, ASBI has experienced explosive growth. The Congregation has been instrumental in the creation of a community *eruv*, the founding of a rapidly expanding community day school, and the construction of a *mikvah*. ASBI is composed of 350 family units covering the gamut from undergraduate and graduate students, young singles and young married couples, to families and long-time residents. It is comprised of Jews from a wide range of backgrounds in religious observance. The Congregation welcomes the participation of both men and women, consistent with halachic standards, as determined by its rabbi. ASBI is fortunate to have an accomplished Director of Education and Ritual who works with the rabbi on a wide variety of educational and programmatic initiatives. There is also an office manager and a custodian who support the work of the Congregation.

ASBI's rabbi is expected to:

- Provide an inspiring vision of modern Orthodoxy for the Congregation and the community.
- Be an excellent teacher serving as the Jewish resource for the Congregation. The rabbi must be a sophisticated student and teacher of Torah and an effective communicator.
- Take responsibility for the ritual and halachic life of the Congregation – Coordinate services and step in to provide guidance, make decisions and read Torah as necessary.
- Be experienced in officiating at life cycle events and providing compassionate and skillful counseling to those in need of pastoral support.
- Serve as an open and welcoming presence for members and visitors to the ASBI community.
- Work with the rabbis of neighborhood synagogues to support the community day schools and other projects serving the greater Jewish community, neighborhood, and global social action.
- Have a sincere commitment to the State of Israel.
- Supervise the Congregation's professional staff and serve as a resource to the ASBI board and committees in their operation of the Congregation.
- Serve as a role model whose values, spirituality, intellect and passion attracts and inspires our pluralistic Congregation to meet its highest aspirations.

Qualified applicants are encouraged to submit resumes, with a cover letter and contact information for at least three professional references via the ASBI website or searchcommittee@asbi.org.

For information about ASBI: see www.asbi.org