

Service Attendance 2018-2019/5779

We've always found that attendance at Shabbat and holiday services is an important part of Jewish education. It helps build a living connection to the Jewish community, reinforces what is being taught in Religious School, and helps with Hebrew reading skills. All this in addition to offering a meaningful spiritual experience!

For all of these reasons, we encourage students of all ages, along with their families, to attend Shabbat and holiday services regularly at TBA. We have suggested numbers of services depending on your child's grade. We have sign-in books in the lobby, from September thru June, to record service attendance and be able to acknowledge each child's participation.

Here are the guidelines by grade:

- K-3rd** Students should attend at least three (3) services per semester of any kind (Shabbat eve, Shabbat morning, holiday).
- 4th-5th** Students should attend at least four (4) services per semester: two on Shabbat eve and two of any kind.
- 6th** Students having a *bar/bat mitzvah* in the Reform tradition should attend at least five (5) services per semester. Each semester, these students should attend two *b'nei mitzvah* and three Shabbat evening services. We suggest that Family Shabbat be only one of these evening services.
- Students having a *bar/bat mitzvah* in the Conservative tradition should attend at least five (5) services per semester. Each semester, these students should attend four Shabbat Conservative morning services and one Shabbat evening service.
- Students should fill-in and submit their yellow cards for tracking service attendance.
- 7th** *First Semester Requirements:* Students having a *bar/bat mitzvah* in the Reform tradition should attend at least five (5) services from September-January. These students should attend two *b'nei mitzvah* and three Shabbat evening services. We suggest that Family Shabbat be only one of these evening services.
- Students having a *bar/bat mitzvah* in the Conservative tradition should attend at least five (5) services from September-January. These students should attend four Shabbat Conservative morning services and one Shabbat evening service.
- Second Semester Requirements:* All 7th Graders should attend at least three (3) services of any kind from February-June.
- Students should fill-in and submit their white cards for tracking service attendance.
- 8th-12th** Students should attend at least three (3) services per semester of any kind.

We share your goal of helping your children to become thoughtful, literate and connected Jewish adults. The ability to participate in worship services throughout their lives is a major component of that connection. We invite you to share that gift with them by joining them here at services as often as you can.