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Attendance

We consider good attendance at the Temple Solel School to be crucial to the success of our program. The teachers work hard to incorporate as many learning experiences as possible into each session. We encourage you to make every effort to avoid absences.

The Temple Solel teachers maintain attendance records. Students are expected to attend 75% of each of their classes throughout the year (twenty-two classes). Third through seventh grade Religious School students who are preparing for Bar/Bat Mitzvah and whose absences exceed 25% (seven classes) will be required to do make-up work in order to advance to the next level.

Classroom Visits

You are welcome to visit your child's classroom at any time. If you have any specific questions, please contact your child's teacher or School Director, Ellen Fox.

Your child may occasionally bring a friend or relative to class. The child's parent must sign an emergency medical form for the guest to attend class with your child. The form must be on file for the day in the School Director's office.

Discipline Policy

Our hope is that parents will make all students aware that the Hebrew and Religious School is indeed just that, both a school and a place where religion is taught and practiced. We also feel that attending Hebrew and Religious School is a privilege. In view of this definition, a certain amount of decorum is necessary for learning to occur.

Each classroom has a set of rules posted. Accompanying these rules are positive and negative consequences. Parents are informed of the rules and consequences during the first week of school. Your family support in this matter is appreciated. If a student is sent to the School Director's Office, the following procedure is followed:

First Warning: Student is sent to Director's office. Director works with student.

Second Warning: Student is sent to Director's office. Teacher and/or Director calls parent.

Third Warning: Student is sent to Director's office. Parent is called. Student is not allowed to return to classroom without parent accompanying student. Parent must remain in class for one complete session.

We are committed to each and every one of our students. When discipline problems occur, we will work them out with the student and parents. Our philosophy is to never give up and to ultimately achieve the most positive learning situation.

Dress Policy

Students are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing during most Religious and Hebrew School sessions. Classroom art projects are often messy! However, we ask that when students attend a special service or ceremony in the Temple sanctuary (you will receive advance notice of these dates), they dress appropriately. We appreciate your consideration in helping us teach our students respect for Temple services and ceremonies.

Early Dismissal

Early dismissal of individual children is discouraged. If your child must leave early on a particular day, you must come to the classroom to pick up your child. No student will be dismissed unless a parent comes to the classroom. Students will not be allowed to wait outside for a parent in the event of early dismissal. This rule assures your child's safety.

Parking and Drop-Off/Pick-Up Procedures

Parents we care about your child's safety. Please remember it is the parent's obligation to walk young children to the front entrance of the temple before school and pick them up at the front entrance of the temple after school. Temple Solel does not guarantee adult supervision in or out of the building before or after school. Therefore, please park your car and accompany your young child to and from the front entrance of the temple building promptly before and after school hours.

Registration

Temple Solel members register their children for the Temple Solel School online at www.templesolel.net.

Schedule

Temple Solel School students attend school on the following days:

| Grade | Days | Times |
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| K - 6 | Sunday (Judaica) | 9:00am - 11:00am |
| 3 - 6 | Wednesday (Hebrew) | 4:00pm - 6:00pm |
| 7 | Thursday (Judaica) – 6 classes | 4:30pm - 6:00pm |
| 7 | Sunday, Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday | One half hour Bar/Bat Mitzvah Tutorial |
| 8 | Thursday 8 th Grade Teen Journey | 4:30 - 6:00pm |
| 9 | Wednesday 9 th Grade Teen Journey | 4:30 - 6:00pm |
| 10 | Wednesday 10 th Grade Teen Journey/Confirmation | 4:30 - 6:00pm |

Snack

The Temple Solel School provides challah for grades PreK/K-2. Students in grades 3-6 are encouraged to bring a snack if they attend class from 9-11am, and to bring a full lunch if they attend class from 9am-12:30pm.

Temple Solel does not provide snacks to Hebrew School students. Due to the fact that we find the students to be quite hungry between 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm, we ask that Hebrew School students eat a sandwich, fruit/chips and drink prior to class.

Candy as Rewards

Teachers at the Temple Solel School do give candy as rewards. They try not to give the candy rewards often. If they have a child in the class who is allergic to nuts, they do not include candy with nuts as rewards. When they do give candy as rewards, they offer non-candy rewards as an option (stickers, bouncy balls, etc).

If you do not want your child to take a candy reward, please tell your child to choose the non-candy option. If you allow your child to have candy as a reward, but you would like him/her to save it until he/she gets home and eat it after a meal that is certainly supported as well. Some parents allow their child to take the candy and replace it with their own rewards at home.

It is a Jewish tradition from long ago that Jewish teachers want Jewish children to think of learning as sweet. One way to do this is to give occasional sweet rewards. The teachers really try not to overuse the candy rewards, and they do give the students a non-candy option.

Special Needs and/or Circumstances

The Temple Solel School is committed to meeting the individual needs of each student. If your child has a learning disability, medical condition, or if there has been a special circumstance (birth, death, divorce) in your family, please inform the classroom teacher and/or School Director. This will help the school be sensitive to your child's individual needs.

Tzedakah

Temple Solel students are encouraged to bring tzedakah money and canned goods on Sunday mornings. The tzedakah money is collected in the classroom and distributed to organizations during the school year. The canned goods are placed in a container in the Temple foyer, and are donated to Jewish Family Service. The Torah commands us to help the stranger in our midst. This is among our highest duties.