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***Parent & Students, Please Sign Bottom of This Form***

***KAVOD: RESPECT AND HONOR\****  
**A Code of Behavior at Temple Beth El**

**KAVOD** means "respect." The Hebrew root (*shoresh*) of **KAVOD**, *Kaf-Bet-Dalet*, can also mean “heavy.” **KAVOD** is a core value of our people. This document describes some of the ways we demonstrate **KAVOD** for this place and this community. **Parents and Students should please read this carefully before signing and returning it with their registration materials to the School office.**

***KAVOD FOR SELF***

**We expect every person to demonstrate self-respect.**

**SAFETY FIRST** - One of the ways we demonstrate self-respect is by caring for our bodies. No tree climbing, rock throwing, etc. are allowed at any time at Temple Beth El. No sitting on tables, no standing on chairs, and no rocking back on two legs or one leg of a chair are allowed at any time. During meal times in the Social Hall, no running is allowed. In regard to our parking lot, we expect all drivers to drive slowly and carefully on the Temple Beth El campus. Please remember: There are children learning and playing in and around our temple every day of the week. We need your help to keep everyone safe.

***KAVOD FOR OTHERS***

**We expect every person to demonstrate respect for others.**

**B'TZELEM ELOHIM** - One of the many things we learn from our Torah's story of creation is that each and every person is created in God's image. Therefore, we treat one another with kindness and honor. We reach out to help everyone feel at home and to offer any help we can give to others. Another important teaching we get from the Torah is that **WORDS ARE POWERFUL**. God creates the world by simply **saying**, “Let there be light.” While each family's home may have different rules or expectations, please recognize that Temple Beth El is our community's home. We expect all members of this community to speak thoughtfully and respectfully to each other and to our teachers.

***KAVOD FOR PLACE***

**We expect every person to demonstrate respect for the  
Temple Beth El Facility**

**SACRED SPACE** - Out of respect for our holy places, no eating or drinking is allowed in the sanctuary at any time or during any religious services in any location. As Jewish Learning is considered one of God's commandments, classrooms—and everything inside of them—are to be treated with **KAVOD** as well. Vandalism of any kind in any part of the building will not be tolerated.

**SACRED OBLIGATIONS:** We accept upon ourselves the obligations described below:

**LEARNING**

I have the privilege of learning about my Jewish heritage.

I have the responsibility to help myself and others to learn by attending class, arriving on time, doing my work, and following teachers' instructions.

**RESPECT**

I have the privilege of being treated with respect.

I have the responsibility to treat others with respect by being fair, by being kind, by not treating others the ways I don't want to be treated, and by respecting other people's boundaries.

## ("Kavod: Respect and Honor," continued)

### SHARING RESPONSIBILITY

I have the privilege of participating in decision-making processes.

I have the responsibility to be involved by helping set standards in class, by abiding by class and program-wide standards, by thinking before I speak or act.

## ATTENDANCE AS KAVOD

Arriving on time, attending classes, and leaving only when classes end are all ways we honor our Jewish tradition, our teachers, our fellow students, and our commitment to learn. We expect all students to strive to attend as much of each program as possible.

Another way we demonstrate *KAVOD* is by informing one's teacher and the school office if we are unable to attend class on a particular day. If a student must be tardy or absent from class, contact the teacher or the Religion School Office as soon as possible. If a student misses more than **twenty-five percent of a program year, make-up work will be assigned**. Make-up work can help a student learn the material, experience values, and reconnect with the community. Without completing the make-up work and without attending at least seventy-five percent of any program, a student will jeopardize his or her progress in our educational programming.

## PROGRESS, NOT PERFECTION.

When problems arise, communication is our first, last, and most helpful tool. Teachers, parents, students, and educators, working together and communicating openly will be able to confront challenges in a constructive way.

- A teacher may send a student out of class if that student places other students in danger or if that student interferes with the teacher's ability to teach or any student's ability to learn in any way, at any time.
- Since no student should be without proper supervision at any time, students sent from class should go to the Religion School Office. If a student spends a great deal of time out of the classroom, make-up work will be assigned.
- Educators and teachers appreciate the help of parents. The School Office might call you if problems become on going. We always appreciate your support and we may ask you to participate in problem solving. One such solution may be attending class with your child.
- Temple Beth El recognizes that each student has a unique learning style and that all students think, hear, learn, and experience education or Judaism differently. Please contact us if you have suggestions about how best to communicate with your child. We are interested in your ideas and your experiences as well as your child's preferences.

**75/25 Rule** - All students are expected to attend **AT LEAST 75% of class sessions**. If your family cannot attend 75%, please meet with Richard Abrams, Director of Education, as soon as you know so your student can make up the work he or she will miss. Please consider how missing over 25% of a school year will affect a student's Judaic or Hebrew knowledge and comprehension, as well as his or her eligibility for *B'nai Mitzvah* or Confirmation.

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I have read the above Code of Behavior and will try to maintain the correct level of *KAVOD* for my fellow students, my teachers, my synagogue, Temple Beth El, and myself. I understand what it means to be part of a holy community, and will take my Religion School Education seriously.

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(parent/guardian signature)

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(date)

**After parent/s and children have signed this document, please return it to TBE with you other registration materials.**