

2019-2020 TSRS WORSHIP SERVICE REQUIREMENTS, GRADES 3-6

In order to be fully prepared to become Bar/Bat Mitzvah at Temple Sinai, all Grade 3 through 6 religious school students **are required to attend services during the school year.** The number of services required has been changed to add flexibility and to assist students and their families to meet the requirements. The requirement this year is more easily fulfilled because there are so many options to fit your family's life style.

Grade 3 students must attend 4 services.

Grades 4 and 5 students must attend 6 services.

Grade 6 students must attend 6 services (see further gr. 6 specifications below).

ALL SERVICES COUNT: High Holy Days (evening and morning), Friday night, Shabbat morning, Festival and B'nei Mitzvah services. We are providing a list of Festivals and Saturday morning services for your convenience and to help you plan your attendance. A schedule and calendar of services can also be found on the Temple website at <https://www.templestinainj.org>. In addition to regular Shabbat services, **Grade 3 students also receive credit when they attend the Shabbat b'Yachad K-3 service.**

Temple Sinai's Saturday morning services with no Bar/Bat Mizvah are not held weekly. There are 5 Saturday morning, 10:30AM services without a Bar/Bat Mitzvah for your child to attend. (Grade 6 students are required to attend one of these non Bar/Bat Mitzvah services and grade 5 is encouraged to attend one.) These non B'nei Mitzvah services are informal and include a Torah discussion appropriate for religious school families. For Saturday morning services, especially when there is a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, we recommend business casual dress.

The Rabbi and Cantor look forward to meeting students and their families after the service. Students should register their attendance at that time -- the Rabbi or Cantor will have the attendance folder. For the High Holy Days there will be attendance sheets available at the youth services for Grade 3-5 students **and at the table near the entry door for Grade 6 students.**

Attendance for students is recorded on charts in the Wednesday Hebrew classrooms, and recognition is given to students as they achieve the required services. We will provide updates so that you may be sure that we have credited your student with the correct number of services. Mistakes sometimes happen, so we would appreciate it if you could keep a family record of dates you attended services.

For Grade 6 B'Mitzvotav Students:

You are **REQUIRED** to attend **6 services, including 1 Shabbat Saturday service when there is no B'nei Mitzvah, and one Saturday morning B'nei Mitzvah service.** Because Grade 6 students are soon to begin Bar/Bat Mitzvah preparation, we strongly recommend that each student attend at least one Temple Sinai B'nei Mitzvah service with their parents, as an orientation to expectations and logistics on the bimah, as well as to envision what it will feel like to be on the bimah as a Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

PLEASE PLAN AHEAD USING THESE SHABBAT MORNING DATES

2019-2020 SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE DATES THAT INCLUDE A BAR/BAT MITZVAH

Please arrive to the sanctuary by 10:15am for all B'nei Mitzvah Shabbat morning Services

Dress Code: Adults, Business Casual; Students, Nice clothing with no jeans, sweats, shorts or t-shirts

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| September 7, 14, 21 | January 4, 11, 18, 25 | June 6, 20 |
| October 12, 19 | March 7, 14, 21, 28 | |
| November 2, 16, 23 | April 18, 25 | |
| December 7 | May 9, 23 | |

2019-2020 SHABBAT MORNING DATES THAT DO NOT INCLUDE A BAR/BAT MITZVAH

Please arrive to the sanctuary by 10:25am for all non-B'nei Mitzvah Shabbat morning services.

Dress Code: Informal and comfortable

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| October 5 | May 2 |
| February 1 | June 13 |
| April 4 | |