

RABBI HAROLD B. AND ELISE WAINTRUP RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

“The Mensch Lab”

Brit Kehillah (Community Covenant)

At Beth Am’s Mensch Lab, we are proud of the excellent educational environment we provide for our students. This Brit Kehillah supports the right of each student to learn in an appropriate, safe environment. Further, it offers students the opportunity to participate in the management of their own behavior and of the tone of their learning environment. All our children deserve the most positive educational climate possible for personal, Jewish growth.

Students in our school understand and agree to the following mensch behaviors:

Brit Kehillah

- I will listen politely when others are speaking.
- I will use respectful language when speaking to others.
- I will treat all students and adults with respect and kindness
- I will keep my hands, feet and objects to myself.
- I will respect and follow the classroom rules.
- I will follow synagogue rules and policies.

Classroom Rules:

Students are expected to:

- Enter class on time, prepared to think, work, explore, question and collaborate.
- Students should enter and exit the classroom in a respectful, orderly way.
- Bring necessary pens, pencils, books and other study materials to class.
- Raise their hands and wait to be called upon during group discussions.
- Stay in their seats unless otherwise directed.
- Respect the classroom environment, including its furnishings, equipment and work done by other students.
- Give personal electronics or sports equipment brought to class to the teacher upon arrival. This includes cell phones.
- Leave unrelated work at home or put away when class is in session.
- Recycle.
- Dispose of candy or gum properly prior to the start of class.
- Leave the room to use the bathroom or for other necessities upon consultation with and with permission from the teacher.
- Comply with rules added to this list and/or that are amendments to this list which are produced and communicated at the discretion of the teacher in each given class.

If a student chooses to break this covenant, the following will occur:

After a general class warning,

- 1st Incident: Verbal warning from the teacher. Teacher may change or move student’s seat or provide whatever other assistance student needs to help correct the incident.

- 2nd Incident: Teacher will begin an “Office Referral Form” for the student.
- 3rd Incident: Teacher will complete an “Office Referral Form” and send student to the school office. Rabbi Tornberg will contact the child’s parent/guardian if he or she is sent to the office.

Repeated Incidents: A student who repeatedly demonstrates that they cannot participate appropriately in our “Mensch Lab” may face additional consequences. We appreciate the partnership of parents and teachers in helping to craft and convey the most appropriate response for this kind of repeated behavior. Students who miss class time for disciplinary reasons are responsible for work missed.

Severe Infractions:

We aim to create a community in which each student is safe and values their participation as part of The Mensch Lab at Old York Road Temple-Beth Am. However, it is possible to severely overstep the norms and expectations of this learning community. Any student found in possession of or using alcohol, illegal drugs, cigarettes or dangerous objects or any student who is found stealing, vandalizing school property or engaging in fighting or physical assaults against other students or staff members will be recommended to the Religious School Committee for immediate expulsion from school for the remainder of the school year. If readmission is considered, expelled students will be expected to repeat the uncompleted grade upon re-enrollment.

Parent Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date