

Beit Miriam at West End Synagogue Covenant of Conduct

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West End Synagogue Religious School is a “*bayt mikdash*”, a “sanctuary,” as well as a “*bayt midrash*”, a “house of study.” Our children must know they are in a safe environment to study, worship, learn, and play. In order to realize these goals, we ask each student’s family to read and discuss this “Covenant of Conduct,” sign it, and return it to the office.

Treat others kindly and with respect.

Rabbi Shammai said: *“Receive everyone with a cheerful face.”*

Rabbi Eliezer said: *“Let your friend’s honor be as dear to you as your own.”*

Pay close attention to each other’s words and feelings.

Rabbi Hillel said: *“What you don’t like, don’t do to your friend.”*

Respect the property of others.

Rabbi Yose said: *“Let the property of your friend be as precious to you as your own.”*

Be responsible for your behavior.

Rabbi Yehudah HaNasi said: *“Which is the proper path to choose? One that is honorable in itself and also wins honor from others.”*

Hakarat Hatov: Show gratitude, recognize the good that another has done for you.

“The Gemara in Brachot says: Rav Yochanan in the name of Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai says that there was no one in the world who gave thanks to God until Leah. Leah named her 4th so Yehudah, meaning ‘now I praise the Lord’, to express appreciation to God for what she viewed as more than her share. Of all the 12 tribes of Israel, we are named after Yehudah (Judah). We are called Yehudim, Jews. This is because the essence of a Jew is to **thank**: to thank God, and to thank each and every person who has done something to make our lives a little nicer!”

Make a positive effort.

Ben Hei Hei said: *“The reward is in proportion to the effort.”*

We have read this “Covenant of Conduct” and the “Antibullying Policy” and have discussed it as a family, and agree to abide by it in order to create the best possible learning environment.

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