

QUICK GUIDE

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Students

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Adath Israel Religious School

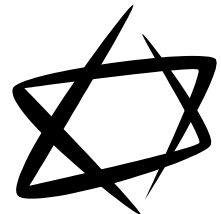
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*Educate the child according to his way; even when he gets old,
he will not depart from it. (Proverbs 22:6)*



WELCOME TO ADATH ISRAEL CONGREGATION RELIGIOUS SCHOOL!

We are eagerly looking forward to a year of Jewish educational experiences and personal growth for each student.

All of the teachers and I are available throughout the year to ensure the best Jewish experience for your child. We also hope that as our partners in your child's education, you and your family will be actively involved in your child's class, in our school, and in the synagogue.

Please contact us immediately if you have any questions or comments so that we can address your concerns in a timely manner.

Remember to refer to Adath's weekly email and to our website, www.adathisraelnj.org, for calendar and program updates.

Best wishes for a *Shana Tova* – a happy, healthy, sweet new year.

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ETIQUETTE IN OUR SANCTUARY AND THROUGHOUT OUR BUILDING

Adath Israel Congregation is a "*Makom Kadosh*", a holy sanctuary. As such, there is appropriate decorum and dress when visiting and/or worshipping in our sanctuary. We request that you demonstrate your respect by adhering to the following guidelines:

DECORUM: Conduct yourself with respect for the members of the congregation and the holiness of the sanctuary.

It is inappropriate to enter or exit the sanctuary when the congregation is standing.

In the context of a worship service, applause is inappropriate.

Refrain from running, shouting, and inappropriate language.

MODEST ATTIRE is appropriate. Bare midriffs, strapless tops, shirts with inappropriate language, pictures or gestures, torn clothing, baseball hats, shoes with wheels or cleats should not be worn.

It is customary for Jewish males {and optional for Jewish females) to wear *kippot* and *tallitot* (age of *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* and older).

CELL PHONES should be turned off or placed on vibrate mode prior to entering the building during *Shabbat* and Holidays.

PHOTOGRAPHY is permitted on *Shabbat* or Holidays one hour after the conclusion of the *Oneg Shabbat* or *Kiddush*.

We welcome and encourage you to bring children to services. Help them learn appropriate behavior in the sanctuary. Please do not permit children to:

Stand on the furniture.

Run in and out of the sanctuary,

Bring disruptive toys, games, drawing, and crafts into the sanctuary.

Mishandle *siddurim* (prayer books) and other sacred texts.

Eat, drink, or chew gum in the sanctuary.

Please direct your questions to Rabbi Daniel Grossman.

We are very appreciative of your attention and wish you *Shalom!*

Pre-School: Sunday, as scheduled – 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Gan/Alef: Sunday – 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Bet through Zayin:

Sunday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

CONFIRMATION CLASS:

Communication with Confirmation Class is primarily through e-mail. Please supply both the student's e-mail address as well as that of his/her parents. Remember to notify the office if there is a change in e-mail addresses. Please read and respond to e-mail messages in a timely manner.

ARRIVAL: Students report directly to their classes.

DISMISSAL: Students will be dismissed from the sanctuary. Parents may join their children in the Sanctuary for the concluding *aseyfah* (assembly) or wait for them in the rotunda.

LATE ARRIVAL: (MORE THAN 10 MINUTES LATE)

EARLY DISMISSAL: For the safety of your children and to account for every child in case of an emergency, it is imperative (in spite of the inconvenience) that you follow this procedure

- (1) Bring a note to the office and give it to the school secretary
- (2) She will prepare a note for the teacher.
- (3) Teacher will dismiss the child to the office.
- (4) Parent must sign-out child in the office.
(PLEASE DO NOT GO TO YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM!)
- (5) Students will not be dismissed during the last 15 minutes of class.
- (6) Please cooperate with these procedures which are designed to minimize disruptions to learning.

SNOW/EMERGENCY CLOSINGS:

Tuesdays

Adath Israel Religious School is closed if the Lawrenceville Public Schools are closed. If there is a delayed opening, we will be open. If Lawrenceville Public Schools close early, we will not have classes. For the latest school information, go to www.adathisraelnj.org and click on “education”, you can also check www.lawrence.k12.nj.us or call 609-896-4977. Note: If the weather turns bad, the synagogue office is frequently inundated with many phone calls and all lines are busy. In that situation, you may get a recording. That does not mean that we are not here. It just means the lines are all busy. Please try the websites listed above first or wait a few minutes and then try again.

Sundays

Families will be contacted by the telephone chain.

ATTENDANCE: Consistent and regular attendance is the foundation of successful learning. Therefore we expect students to attend class regularly. In the event of an absence, students are responsible for the learning which took place during their absence.

Every student is expected to demonstrate “*derech erez*” appropriate behavior in speech and dress along with respect towards teachers and staff, fellow students, the educational process, the synagogue and the entire physical plant at all times.

DRESS CODE: No bare midriffs, no spaghetti straps; shorts “to the thumbs”, and skirts “to the fingertips”, no tube tops, no shirts with inappropriate language or gestures, no baseball hats, no shoes with wheels or cleats.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES must be turned off during class time.

KASHRUT: All food must be kosher. A list of kosher symbols appears at the end of the Guide.

KIPPOT: Each boy is expected to wear a *kippah* and each girl is encouraged while here at Adath Israel. It’s a good idea to keep a couple of extra *kippot* in your child’s book bag.

TZEDAKAH/GEMILUT HASADIM: These *mitzvot* are central to our curriculum. We encourage students to contribute money weekly for charitable causes and to participate in hands-on projects that will help our community.

STAYING IN TOUCH: Concerns, questions, or issues should first be directed to your child's teacher. Hedda S. Morton, Director of Congregational Learning is also available and welcomes the opportunity to speak with you.

PROGRESS REPORTS: Progress reports are prepared semi-annually (January and June). Contact your child's teacher to discuss questions, concerns, or issues **as they arise.**

CONFERENCES: To schedule an appointment or to arrange a classroom visit, send the teacher a written request or leave a message with Shirley Nabutovsky or Hedda S. Morton.

PTO (PARENT TEACHERS ORGANIZATON): We encourage every parent to become involved in this group which actively supports our school programs and activities.

PLEASE INFORM YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER(S) AND THE DIRECTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL LEARNING IF:

1. Your child changes schools or if there is a change in your child's school program.

OR

2. Your child is on medication that may affect his or her behavior and ability to learn in our classroom setting.

**FAMILY FOLDERS (LOCATED IN THE ROTUNDA) ARE OUR SYSTEM OF
COMMUNICATION.**

PLEASE CHECK YOUR FOLDER AFTER EACH CLASS.

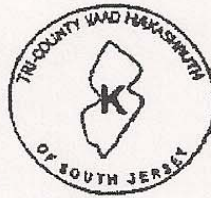
**THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF OUR CHILDREN
ARE OUR PRIMARY CONCERNS!**

Please, please cooperate and observe these procedures:

- ◆ **Do not stop or park at the entrance to the synagogue or in the circular drive. Instead, have your child get out of the car and enter the building.**

- ◆ **Pick-up: Come into the building for your child at the end of class.**

**Kosher Symbols Recognized by the
Tri-County Vaad Hakashruth of Southern New Jersey**



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**Orthodox Vaad of
Philadelphia**



**Scroll K/Vaad Hakashrus
of Denver**



**Rabbi Yehuda Kelemer,
West Hempstead, NY**



**Bais Din of Crown
Heights**



United Mehadrin Kosher



**Igud Hakashrus
of Los Angeles**

This listing is not exhaustive. There are hundreds of kosher symbols that are in use. Many of them are considered acceptable. If you have a question about a symbol that is not shown in this publication, or if you have any other question about keeping kosher, please call Rabbi Epstein or Rabbi Rothman at 856-667-9700.