

Temple Israel Ner Tamid  
Religious School Dress Code  
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Humility is an important concept in Jewish thought. Humility calls for a giving nature and decency of thought, speech and conduct. The prophet Micah included humility as one of the three fundamental principles of our religion: "... what is it that the Lord requires of you? Only to do justice, and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God. Then will your name achieve wisdom." (6:8)

At Temple Israel Ner Tamid, we try to provide an atmosphere in which our children will learn, think, be creative, sing and engage in tzedakah and acts of loving kindness. We urge them to express themselves by word and deed. We strive to offer prayers in a soulful way. We want our students to be proud of their Jewish heritage, be assertive when appropriate, be caring and be humble. We hope they will have a comfortable feeling about their congregation and enjoy being here. At the same time, they need to learn that respectful clothes should be worn at Shabbat Services and Religious School.

In an effort "to walk humbly with our God... and achieve wisdom," we ask our students to come to Religious School in appropriate clothing. On Wednesday afternoons, we realize students are coming from school, so this may pose a bit of a challenge. Your efforts are much appreciated.

Shorts, skirts, or dresses should be no shorter than your fingertips when extended at your sides. No cut-off shorts.

Wear shoes, boots, or sandals. No flip-flops or house slippers.

No ball caps or outdoor hats. Kippot are not required, but a cap or hat is not a suitable substitute.

If you wear a t-shirt, please make it a very nice one. For boys, a shirt with a collar would be appreciated. No tank tops, sleeveless shirts, low cut tops, tops which expose shoulders, spaghetti straps, see through blouses, halter tops, or shirts/blouses that expose the midriff.

For Shabbat Services, I encourage everyone to dress nicely. No jeans, please.