

Temple Beth-El Synagogue Etiquette

We are delighted when families celebrating happy occasions invite friends and family to Temple Beth-El. We would also like everybody who joins us for worship to feel comfortable in a house of prayer. If you have a simcha coming up, you may wish to communicate to your guests our appreciation for their consideration in dressing appropriately for a religious event. That does not necessarily mean fancy or formal clothing, but it does mean we would like our guests to wear clothing which is not so informal as to be immodest. In general, that means long pants and covered shoulders. Shirts which do not cover the midriff and similar clothing should not be worn in synagogue. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or the chairperson of the Ritual Committee.

- Rabbi Neal Joseph Loevinger

- Cell phones, pagers, iPods and all other electronic devices must be turned OFF while in the Temple building.
- Photography and videotaping are NOT permitted at Temple Beth-El on Shabbat. This includes the entire building and outside of the building.
- All males must wear a Kippah (headcovering) while in the building. This is optional for women. Women are required to wear a headcovering when ascending to the Bimah.
- It is customary for Jewish men to wear a Tallit (prayer shawl) in the sanctuary. All Jewish men ascending to the Bimah are required to wear a Tallit. Jewish women are encouraged and permitted to wear a Tallit.
- Non-Jewish men must wear a Kippah, but should not wear a Tallit.
- Smoking is not permitted in the building (including the restrooms) or anywhere on the Temple grounds.
- Writing is not permitted in the Temple on Shabbat.