



# Orangetown Jewish Center Religious School

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Dear Parents,

There are special children's services every Shabbat. Junior, Junior Congregation is intended for children in grades K-2 and Junior Congregation is for children in grades 3-5. Both of these services meet from 10:30am to approximately 11:30am. Children in grades 6 and 7 are expected to attend the main synagogue service. There are also Friday Night Family Services on the first Friday of the month at 6pm.

***Every student has a MDR-Minimum Davening Requirement. Attendance at the following number of Friday evening OR Shabbat morning services is REQUIRED.***

**Grades K-3-6 services**

**Grade 4- 8 services**

**Grade 5- 10 services**

**Grade 6- 12 services**

**Grade 7- 15 services**

The teachers ask their classes for Shabbat attendance every Tuesday in school and keep records. It is the parent's responsibility to remind and make certain their child gets credit for their attendance on Shabbat. Students exceeding the MDR will receive rewards.

Our Shabbat services are designed to guide our students on their journey of Jewish prayer. Our goal is to enable our children to comfortably learn, lead, and understand our prayers, as well as, the weekly Torah portion. Our Junior Congregation program enhances, transforms and inspires our students as we share joyous Shabbat experiences. Parents are urged to accompany their children to the synagogue and act as role models!

Since the Religious School has four rather than six hours of weekday study, **Junior Congregation is an essential component of your child's Jewish education.**

Sincerely,

Sandra Borowsky

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