

## SHABBAT PROGRAMS

There are special children's services every Shabbat. Junior Junior Congregation is intended for children in grades K-2 and meets from 10:30-11:30am. Junior Congregation for children in grades 3-5 meets from 10:30am-noon. Children in grades 6 and 7 must attend the main synagogue service.

*Each child's MDR-Minimum Davening Requirement. Attendance at the following number of Friday evening or Shabbat morning services is mandatory.*

**Grades K-3- 6 services**

**Grade 4- 8 services**

**Grade 5- 10 services**

**Grade 6- 12 services**

**Grade 7- 15 services**-Please note that the Religious School recognizes that seventh grade students celebrate their friends becoming bar/bat mitzvot outside the OJC community. Therefore, seventh grade students may observe three (3) Shabbatot at other synagogues that will count as part of their MDR.

**It is the parent's responsibility to make certain their children get credit for their attendance on Shabbat and holidays. Please complete the form in this packet and return to your children's teacher EVERY month. Additional forms are available in the School office or can be downloaded at the OJC website. Attendance for Friday evening services, Junior Congregation, and main sanctuary Shabbat services, and certain holiday services fulfill their MDR - Minimum Davening Requirements. Students exceeding the MDR will receive rewards.**

Our Junior Congregation program is 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.