

SYNAGOGUE ETIQUETTE

As a Conservative Congregation, services follow a traditional pattern. Prayer is participatory. Please join in enthusiastically with community singing as well as English readings.

1. Proper attire is expected for services. While everyone is invited in, it is most respectful to be dressed in a manner befitting the occasion. Females should wear attire that covers the shoulders and skirts that are of modest length. Gentlemen need not wear business attire, but casual wear should be respectful of the sanctuary atmosphere.
2. The Bat Mitzvah and mother of Bat Mitzvah who will be on the Bimah are required to wear a head covering. All women whose custom it is to wear a Tallit are encouraged to do so.
3. All males, regardless of faith, are required to wear a Kippah while in the synagogue. Jewish men over bar mitzvah age are expected to wear a tallit.
4. On Shabbat, the use of telephones, photographic and/or recording equipment, and all electronic devices are prohibited anywhere on synagogue grounds.
5. One should not bring gifts into the sanctuary.
6. Purses may not be carried onto the Bimah.
7. Congregation Beth Shalom is a SMOKE-FREE environment. This means that SMOKING is prohibited at any time within the building. In addition, SMOKING is prohibited on synagogue grounds during Shabbat.
8. No business should be conducted on Shabbat or Holidays (ie: no emails, texting, telephone calls, etc.).