

Temple Beth David of the South Shore

# Confirmation: Stars Program

## Our Goal:

To teach our post-B'nei Mitzvah students how to make Jewish decisions in this world, based on an understanding of what it means to participate in the covenant of Judaism

## The Stars Program – A Description

- ✧ Flexible menu-style system
- ✧ Earn stars through a variety of activities, so there is nothing to “make up”
- ✧ Select from an approved list of activities, based on your interests, schedule, and availability
- ✧ Build Jewish identity through mitzvot and involvement in our community

Each student must earn a total of 18 stars to be confirmed

# Stars Program Activities

- ✧ **Class with Rabbi Berry** - 1 evening per month      **2 stars / year** with 85% attendance
  - ✧ Required of all 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation not attending the two day/week or Sunday Prozdor program
  - ✧ Class is held at Rabbi Berry's home, and includes dinner and a film or lesson/discussion, based on a particular topic
  - ✧ Tuition of \$250 / year will be charged, to defray food and other expenses
  - ✧ Scholarships are available
  - ✧ Students who are not formally registered for the Stars program may attend the class on a per diem basis of \$10/class to defray the cost of food and materials
  
- ✧ **Prozdor Community High School Thursday or Sunday**      **5 stars / year** for 3 years
  - ✧ Sunday only students are NOT required to attend Rabbi's class
  
- ✧ **Prozdor Community High School, Thursday and Sunday**      **7 stars / year**
  
- ✧ **Religious School Madrich (Classroom Aide)**      **5 stars / year** with 85% attendance
  - ✧ One day per week, on either Sunday or Wednesday
  - ✧ Each madrich is assigned to a teacher and class
  
- ✧ **Mitzvah Corps, "Telem"**      **1 star** for each activity
  
- ✧ **Reading Torah, leading Torah study or prayers, or delivering a sermon**      **1 star / Shabbat**
  - ✧ Contact Rabbi Berry to make the arrangements
  
- ✧ **Attending Shabbat Services**      **1 star** for 8 services
  
- ✧ **Volunteering at TBD**      **1 star** per appointment of 2 hours or more

- ✧ Providing help to Rabbi Berry, our Youth Group; in the library or office; copying and/or assembling HaKinnor; gardening
- ✧ Announcements will be made when specific help is needed
- ✧ Contact Rabbi Berry, our Youth Advisor, or the Temple Administrator to make the arrangements
  
- ✧ *Visiting TBD Members who are shut-in or at a nursing home* *1 star / visit*
  - ✧ Contact Rabbi Berry for more information
  
- ✧ **United Homes Shelter Project** **1 star / visit**
  - ✧ Cook and serve 1 meal
  
- ✧ Attending **Adult Education Programs** **1 star / program**
  - ✧ Check our monthly bulletin, HaKinnor, for dates & offerings throughout the year.
  
- ✧ Attending **NFTY NE Kallot** **2 stars / Kallah**
  
- ✧ **Participating in SCRAFTY Events** **1 star / event**
  - ✧ Check our Temple website and HaKinnor for events and dates.
  
- ✧ **Organizing a SCRAFTY Event** **1 star / event**
  
- ✧ **Serving as a SCRAFTY Leader** **3 stars / year**
  
- ✧ **Attending a Jewish Summer Camp** **3 stars / summer**
  
- ✧ **Traveling to Israel** **3 stars / trip**
  
- ✧ **Volunteering for the JCC Literacy Program** **3 stars / year**
  
- ✧ **Other Activities: Create Your Own Plan**
  - ✧ Please consult with Rabbi Berry for point values

# Additional Information

## Stars Record Keeping

- ✧ Families are responsible for recording their sons' and daughters' stars on the designated Tracking Form.
- ✧ Tracking forms are turned in to the Rabbi at the end of each semester (December and May) and will be returned to you.

## Who is Eligible for this Program?

- ✧ Confirmation can take place in 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades
- ✧ A student can begin this program at any time in High School
- ✧ It takes a minimum of 2 years for current 9<sup>th</sup> graders and above to complete this program
- ✧ 8<sup>th</sup> graders are required to participate for a minimum of three years
- ✧ The two year minimum applies only to current 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade students. Beginning with the 2008-2009, 8<sup>th</sup> grade class, two years will not longer be accepted.

# The Madrich Program

## Why Be a Religious School Madrich (Aide)?

- ✧ Serve as a role model to our younger TBD students
- ✧ Gain leadership and teaching skills
- ✧ Continue your Jewish learning
- ✧ Contribute to our TBD community
- ✧ Easy way to earn lots of stars
- ✧ Looks great on a college resume

## How to Become a Madrich

- ✧ Call to arrange an interview with Rabbi Berry
- ✧ Based on your skills, experience and availability, you will be placed with an appropriate teacher and class

# Stars Program - Examples

18 stars are needed for confirmation

## Prozdor Sunday Mornings

Prozdor, 3 Years	15 Stars
Rabbi Berry's Class	4 Stars
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	19 Stars

## TBD Madrich (Aide)

Madrich, 3 years	15 Stars
Read Torah 1 Shabbat	1 Stars
Rabbi Berry's Class	4 Stars
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	20 Stars

## Active in Youth Group

Serve as SCRAFTY Leader	3 Stars
Attend 7 TRSTY Events	7 Stars
Attend NFTY NE Kallah	2 Stars
2 Mitzvah Activities	2 Stars
Rabbi Berry's Class	4 Stars
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	18 Stars

## Enjoys Doing Mitzvah Projects

5 Mitzvah Activities	5 Stars
United Homes, 2 Times	2 Stars
Help at TBD Office, 4 Times	4 Stars
Visit a Nursing Home Resident	3 Stars
Rabbi Berry's Class	4 Stars
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	18 Stars

## Enjoys Learning & Teaching

Madrich, 3 years	15 Stars
Read Torah at 2 Services	2 Stars
Rabbi Berry's Class	4 Stars
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	21 Stars