

Peninsula Temple Beth El Youth and Family Education
BRIT KAVOD – A Covenant of Respect
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Brit means “covenant” and *Kavod* means “respect” or “honor.” Being part of our covenantal community means that we show *kavod* for each other, for this place, and for our programs.

PTBE recognizes that each person has a unique learning style and that we all experience education and Judaism differently. There are also core Jewish values that bind us together in one community. All parents, students and teachers will strive to uphold the following values of our *Brit*:

1. KAVOD FOR OTHERS – We expect every person to demonstrate self-respect and respect for other people.

“V’ahavta l’reiacha kamocha – Love your fellow person as yourself.” (Leviticus 19:18)

Each person is created “*B’tzelem Elohim*” (in God’s image) and we honor the holiness in each person with our words and our actions. We treat one another how we want to be treated.

2. KAVOD FOR PLACE – We expect every person to demonstrate respect for our Synagogue and grounds.

“Ma tovu ohalecha Ya’akov mishk’notecha Yisrael – How beautiful are your tents, O Jacob, your dwelling places, O Israel.” (Numbers 24:5)

Out of respect for our sacred space, we are responsible for caring for everyone and everything in and around our temple home. We are responsible for keeping each other safe.

3. KAVOD FOR OUR PROGRAM – We expect every person to be present and considerate and to contribute positively toward our learning environment.

“Na’aseh v’nishma – We will do and we will hear.” (Exodus 24:7)

It is a privilege to learn about our Jewish heritage. We have the responsibility to help ourselves and others to learn by listening and following all instructions. We strengthen our educational experience when we attend regularly and participate actively in our temple community.

In all these ways, we work together to demonstrate kavod for ourselves, for each other, for PTBE and for our community.