

SHOMREI TORAH'S STANDARDS OF DECORUM

DURING RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Welcome to Shomrei Torah. We hope your experience here will be enjoyable and meaningful. The following are answers to many questions we receive regarding Jewish law and ways to honor the sanctity of our service:

Men should wear a *kippa* (*yarmulke*) anywhere inside the building. Women are strongly encouraged to wear a *kippa* or head covering when in the building, especially when in services, and must wear one if going up to the *bima* (pulpit). Jewish men should also wear a *talit* (prayer shawl) during morning services. Women are also encouraged to wear a *talit*, especially if they will lead a service, read from the Torah, or recite the blessings before a Torah reading. Everyone should wear clothing respectful of the service.

During services, we ask that you refrain from excessive conversation and not get up to greet family or friends. On the Sabbath, smoking and use of telephones, cell phones, laptops, palm pilots, cameras, electronic games and video equipment is prohibited anywhere inside the building or outside on its grounds. Please also refrain from entering or exiting the sanctuary when the Ark is open, during the Rabbi's sermon, or when a Bar/Bat Mitzvah is speaking or leading the service. We ask that no flowers, food, gifts or any other materials be removed from the synagogue on the Sabbath.

Thank you for adhering to these rules.