

In order to graduate from Temple Israel:

Students must accumulate 120 hours of formal and informal Jewish learning and experience from 9th-12th grades, including 50 total formal hours in the 11th and 12th grades.

Formal hours are obtained in the following manner:

- Attending religious school: 1.5 hours per session
- Washington DC trip: 25 hours
- Watching a Jewish Film and writing a minimum one page report on it: 3 hours
- Attending a Jewish lecture and writing a minimum one page report on it: 3 hours
- Reading a Jewish book and writing a minimum one page report on it: 3 hours
- Preparing and delivering a d'var torah at a Temple service or youth service: 3 hours
- Attending Torah Study, Exploring Judaism, Hebrew or other adult education classes: credit given per hour of class time
- Writing a paper, play or musical piece on a Jewish topic: 1 hour per page, topic must be approved by Educator, Rabbi or Cantor in advance

All written reports must be submitted to Barb Gelb for approval.

In order to participate in the Defining our Futures: The College Admissions Process program, incoming seniors must have already obtained 15 ACADEMIC hours by Sept. 13, 2009. Please contact Barb Gelb if you are not sure how many hours you have obtained or if you would like to make a plan to obtain those hours on time.

Here are the informal hours opportunities:

- Jewish Worship: services you attend, lead, or create
- Community Service: Jewish volunteer work done individually or as a group
- Jewish Camping: summer camp or retreats – indicate whether you have done it as a camper or counselor
- Youth Group (MeFTY) : holding leadership positions, planning an event, helping to set up an event, working at an event, attending Conclave or Institute, serving on Regional or National Board, selling Munchies
- Travel: Confirmation Trip to New York, Israel, Hebrew Union College seminars, or visits to Jewish sites like the Holocaust museum
- Role Model: tutoring, unpaid teaching assistant, Young leaders program, or teen team
- Jewish Identity: creating a piece of Jewish art, writing a paper on a Jewish subject, attending or participating in a Jewish Community wide event - for example: Tear Down the Walls, Yom Hashoah, Purimspiel etc...

Note: In order to be confirmed in 10th grade, students must attend 80% of religious school classes with Rabbi Greenstein.