

I'd Like to Tell You About Religious School With Honors

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Religious School with Honors was created to celebrate students for participating in Emanu-El like outside of religious school hours.

There are many ways to do this: attending Shabbat services, youth group events, family dinners, tikkun olam programs, student council. The best is Shabbat Kodesh (a child-friendly Shabbat service where you get to be with your friends, and there's always great dessert afterwards).

Once you have attended five events, you just need to fill out the form explaining one thing you learned or experienced at the event and hand it in to the school. It's that simple. Once you're approved your name will be added to the Honor Roll in the 66th Street lobby.

There are multiple levels of Honor Roll, and along the way you get certificates and your name is put on the Honor Roll board in the lobby. When you get to the top level, you can be principal for a day.

I participate in Religious School with Honors so that I can meet new Jewish friends, and I attend events to also be with my temple friends. I participate in Tikkun Olam programs to help others, like all the gift packages we make for less-fortunate people.

I think Religious School with Honors is really great, and I encourage everyone to do it.