

## Mechinah Program COMMITMENT 2020-2021

It is very important for a student to fulfill the educational requirements of Mechinah Program and step up to High School with their peers in April. Not to complete the Mechinah Program year sends a message that the Bar or Bat Mitzvah is itself the end goal, which is not the correct message we want conveyed. Becoming a Bar/Bat Mitzvah is a wonderful lifecycle event, but it is not the end of the journey. The completion of the Mechinah Program year is a critical element to one's Jewish education. This commitment paper states that all parents and students understand the commitment to finish the Mechinah Program year and graduate regardless of when becoming a Bar or Bat Mitzvah. If a student does not continue to attend Mechinah Program before becoming a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, there can be no ceremony at the Synagogue.

Every time a student drops out during the Mechinah Program year it creates conflicts for those parents who insist their kids finish the year. Knowledge of another student who no longer "has to go" only causes other kids to question why they have to go. This is an unneeded aggravation for many families. The class requirements are extremely manageable and should not impact a busy seventh grader's weekly schedule. We need your help in keeping this commitment for the year. You will be notified of your attendance in January. Those who fail to meet the minimum requirement will not be eligible to step up with the class.

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ commit to having my son/daughter complete the Mechinah Program requirements and "step up" with his/her class on April 30, 2021.

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ commit to completing the Mechinah Program requirements and "step up" with my classmates on April 30, 2021.

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_