

SPS B'nei Mitzvah Family Program: Jewish Values and Jewish Actions

Rabbi Salkin suggests that being Jewish is like being a part of a tribe.

Do you feel part of a tribe? _____

Do we have certain obligations to that tribe? _____

Take a look at Gen 12 and Ex 19: What is similar and what is different?

Value/Action	Very important	Sort of Important	Don't care about	Reason
Keeping Kosher				
Belonging to a synagogue				
Learning Jewish History				
Celebrating Jewish Holidays/Taking time off from work or school				
Learning about and Supporting Israel				
Becoming a bar or bat mitzvah in synagogue				
Knowledge of Hebrew in order to read a prayer book				

Knowledge of Hebrew to speak to others who speak Hebrew				
Giving Tzedakah to Jews/ Jewish Causes				
Giving Tzedakah to secular causes				
Believing in God				
Going to synagogue on a regular basis				
Lighting Shabbat candles				
Having Jewish Friends				
Wearing Jewish symbols				
Caring for the “widow, orphan, and the stranger”				

What are the two most important beliefs/actions to you that you had thought about before tonight?

How will you incorporate them into your life?