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Speech-Language Screening

Hello Temple Parents!

We are pleased to be able to offer you Speech and Language screenings right here at school at a minimal charge to you. Speech and Language development encompasses such a vast array of milestones, even before a child learns to utter his or her first words. Our children have been learning language from the moment they entered this world, and even before. Some of the areas that can be addressed through speech therapy are:

- **Language:** Language is both receptive and expressive.
 - Receptive language: refers to what a child understands. Some examples are being able to identify objects or pictures by pointing and following simple and complex commands. For infants, this can be something as simple as following a moving object.
 - Expressive Language: Refers to how a baby or child is able to express themselves. An example at the toddler or preschool age is what your child is able to say
- **Speech:** Speech is the quality of what your child is able to say.
 - Articulation (or pronunciation) falls into this category
- **Feeding:** For most babies and children, eating is fun and easy. For some children it is not. A speech-language pathologist can help from infancy if your child is having difficulty bottle/breast feeding, transitioning to puree' or table foods, chokes or gags at mealtime, or is showing signs that mealtimes are difficult for many reasons.

If you would like for your child to participate in these screenings, please fill out the attached form and return to your child's teacher. There will be an administrative fee of \$15.00 required for this service. If you would prefer to be in the screening with your child, please call me to arrange a tele-visit screening. I would be happy to discuss all of the details with you. Please indicate any specific speech-language-feeding concerns in the space provided.

I look forward to meeting your children and helping in any way that I can.

Sincerely,

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Parental Consent for Screening

Speech-Language Screenings will take place here at Temple Beth El starting on October 9, 2023. You do not need to be with your child in order for them to participate in the screenings. Children will be screened one at a time starting at 9 a.m. You will be notified following the screenings if a formal evaluation is recommended in any area. Please return this form to your child's teacher before September 29th. Screenings and therapy are also offered via teletherapy (scheduled directly with the therapist), which would allow you to participate with your child.

Please mark:

_____ I wish for my child to participate in the speech-language screenings.

Child's Name: _____

Parent(s) Name(s): _____

Parent phone number: _____ Parent email: _____

My child attends school these days and hours: _____

Teacher: _____

Age: _____

Date of Birth: _____

I have the following concerns about my child's speech-language or feeding development: _____

Parent Signature

Date

_____ I have attached my \$15 for the screening.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding the screenings or your child's speech/language development.

Thank you,

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