

CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM

DRAFT POLICY FOR POT LUCKS

This policy applies to the downstairs of Beth Shalom and the Annex house only. Beth Shalom's Kitchen, Social Hall and Beit Midrash are exempt.

These policies apply to CBS programs and for any of its constituent groups including the Young Adult Group, Youth Groups, Religious School, and on a limited basis to the ECC (following Washington State licensing protocols)

Purpose

The practical result of this policy allows potlucks in the open space downstairs, in the annex house and in the sukkah on weekdays and Sundays. Pot Lucks are allowed on Friday nights for half the year, when the dinner is scheduled to begin before candle lighting time.

Conditions & Requirements

- All Pot Luck events must have a Pot Luck Coordinator.
 - The coordinator must be familiar with this policy and ensure participants follow all guidelines.
 - The coordinator will be the point-person with the office; they need to be familiar with CBS room request, set-up, and clean-up procedures.
 - Every pot luck event requires an approved coordinator on file in the office.
- No pot luck events allowed over Passover.
- CBS kitchen and social hall cupboards are off limits and must remain locked.
- All food must be brought into the synagogue before Shabbat
- No food or ingredients for the pot luck may be purchased on Shabbat or chag.
- No food may be cooked on Shabbat.
- Food can be brought into the synagogue on chag only if all ingredients in it were not purchased on chag.
- All food must be removed from the building after the event
 - Or after Shabbat or chag if the event is on Shabbat or chag.
 - In the case food is not removed, please label all food stored in the building after the event with your name, date and note stating the food was used at a pot luck event.

Food:

- Everyone is welcome to bring purchased, prepared products with acceptable hechshers:
 - Bulk foods that are kosher may be used at CBS if a copy of the label is provided
 - § Labels are available at place of purchase.
 - All milk, dairy and butter products must have an approved heksher.
 - All cheese must have an approved heksher. Any Tillamook cheeses with the exception of their white vintage cheddars – that are produced with animal rennet – are allowed.

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- All wines and grape juice used at Beth Shalom functions must have an approved heksher.
- Everyone is welcome to bring items which do not need hechshers according to CBS kashrut policy:
 - All fresh fruits and vegetables are kosher.
 - All unprocessed grains and cereals are kosher.
- Food may be brought in from vegan and vegetarian restaurants
 - This food must not contain non-kosher fish or shellfish.
- You may not bring any meat or fowl into the building.
- Eggs from kosher fowl are kosher and parve. However, because of the prohibition against eating blood, an egg that contains a speck of blood may not be used. Eggs must be cracked one at a time and inspected for blood spots before being used.
- All fish that have fins and scales are kosher and parve.
- Peanuts and nuts of any kind are not permitted due to severe allergies among some of our members.

Food from Kosher & non-Kosher Homes:

- Everyone is welcome to bring the following food from their homes or from non-kosher establishments:
 - Cold uncooked food such as cut fruit or fruit salad
 - Cold uncooked salads
 - Cut vegetables (as long as there is no onion, radish or garlic)
 - Other cold uncooked items such as tuna salad made from canned kosher tuna, and sashimi fish.
 - The one prepared cooked food which is allowed is vegetarian sushi and sushi from kosher fish.
- People in kosher and/or vegetarian homes may cook in their homes using kosher ingredients, dishes, pots and utensils.
 - Individuals are trusted if they define themselves as having a kosher and/or vegetarian home.
 - Please keep in mind: Eggs from kosher fowl are kosher and parve. However, because of the prohibition against eating blood, an egg that contains a speck of blood may not be used. Eggs must be cracked one at a time and inspected for blood spots before being used.
- If you do not have a kosher or vegetarian home, you can make arrangements to cook in the synagogue kitchen. (But the food must be stored in your home. The synagogue kitchen will be locked during the potluck.)
 - Or, you may prepare cold uncooked food in your home.
 - Or, you may prepare cooked food in your home if you meet the following conditions:
 - § All kosher ingredients
 - § All utensils (i.e. pots, cutting boards, knives) are new and unused, disposable or have been kashered. (Speak to the rabbi about how items can be kashered.)
 - § There must not be any non-kosher or meat items cooked at the same time in the oven or microwave.

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§ A new sponge must be used for cleaning utensils.

§ Items should not be cooked in a toaster oven.

§ Ideally, the microwave and oven should be cleaned and kashered before use.

○ To kasher a microwave: Thoroughly clean the microwave. Then put a cup of water in the microwave on high until it boils.

○ To kasher a stove: Run the self-clean cycle if your oven has it. You may cook in the oven after running the cleaning cycle.

§ If the oven does not have a self-cleaning cycle, wait 24 hours from its last use, thoroughly clean then run at its highest temperature setting for an hour prior to cooking.

Utensils & Equipment:

- CBS kitchen and social hall cupboards are off limits and must remain locked.
- No dishes, cutlery, utensils, pans or equipment may be removed and/or used from the kitchen or social hall.
- No refrigerator, freezer, stove, dishwasher or other appliance is available for pot lucks.
- It is your responsibility to dispose of all leftovers. There are many food banks where leftover food is appreciated.

Suggested Protocol:

- For outreach events (i.e. Third Friday), new participants and participants who may not be familiar with this policy should be invited to bring drinks, ice cream, fruit and packaged kosher items (i.e. kosher challah, hummus, Entenmanns's baked goods).