



**Policy: Kiddush Sponsorship**

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**Approved By:** Board of the Shaar Shalom Congregation

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**Policy Statement**

The Kiddush that follows Shabbat services on Saturday morning provides a friendly social environment for congregants to interact with their spiritual leader and guests. While the synagogue normally provides the Kiddush, sponsorship is a mitzvah. This policy has been developed to describe the various levels of sponsorship for a Shabbat Kiddush and the requirements and costs associated with each level.

**Definitions**

**Mashgiach** – the person designated to ensure the standards of kashrut are being followed at the synagogue

**Member** – an individual included in one of the following three classes of membership:

1. Single – a Jewish person over the age of eighteen (18) years who is not otherwise included in a Family Membership.
2. Family – includes:
  - A single Jewish adult with one or more dependent Jewish children; or
  - Cohabiting Jewish adults, with or without dependent Jewish children; or
  - Such other definition as designated by the Board.
3. Such other classes as may be designated by the Board from time to time

The synagogue office retains a list of the specific individuals covered under each class of membership.

**Policy Objectives**

The objective of the policy is to describe the three levels of sponsorship for a Kiddush at the Shaar Shalom synagogue and any requirements and costs associated with each level.

## **Policy Application**

### **General**

No styrofoam products are to be used.

Sponsors are recognized in the weekly synagogue email.

### **The Three Kiddush Sponsorship Levels:**

#### **1. Regular Kiddush**

This requires no extra food preparation or planning. All preparation and clean-up is done by the synagogue.

Cost: \$ 50.00 for sponsorship

#### **2. Regular Kiddush with Extra Foods**

This requires some additional food preparation and planning. The extra food, usually some fruit or vegetables, should be whole and unprocessed. The food is supplied and paid for by the sponsor and must be in the synagogue no later than 2:00 pm on Friday. Arrangements must be made with the caretaker for receipt and preparation of the extra food.

Cost: the sponsor's cost for additional food

#### **3. Catered Kiddush**

This requires a caterer to prepare selected foods supplied by the caterer/sponsor, use the kitchen, ovens, tables, and dishes. A work order must be completed at least three (3) weeks prior to the Kiddush with the number of invited guests included and any other arrangements required. (Refer to the Planning a Function at the Synagogue Policy for details on the work order process.) Note: When planning a Shabbat Kiddush, the synagogue normally has approximately 30 regular worshipers who will have the option of attending the Kiddush.

The caterer must adhere to the Kashrut and Kitchen Use Policy and be supervised by a Mashgiach.

Costs:

- any applicable charges detailed in the Planning a Function at the Synagogue Policy (room rentals, hourly usage charges, food service charges, and other charges)
- the caterer cost
- the food cost

## **Policy Exceptions**

Members are not charged the \$ 50.00 sponsorship fee for Bar or Bat Mitzvahs and Ufrufs.

## **Policy Monitoring**

None identified.

## **Forms Included with this Policy as Attachments**

N/A