



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.

Members wishing to sponsor a kiddush should contact the Shaar office at [shaarshalom@eastlink.ca](mailto:shaarshalom@eastlink.ca) or (902) 423-5848 at least 2 weeks prior to the event

### The Three Kiddush Sponsorship Levels:

#### 1. Haifa (Regular Weekly Kiddush) *Maximum 36 people*

This requires no extra food preparation or planning. All preparation and clean-up are done by the synagogue. Food and beverage options could include tuna and/or egg salad bagels; veggies and dip; two kinds of fruit; two kinds of sweets; tea, coffee, water.

Cost: \$100.00 per sponsorship (up to 36 people)

#### 2. Tel Aviv (Regular Weekly Kiddush with Extra Foods) *Maximum 36 people*

The Tel Aviv requires additional food preparation, planning and clean up by the synagogue. Food and beverage options could include items offered at a Haifa kiddush with extras, for example, such as smoked salmon and cream cheese bagels; additional fresh fruit and vegetables; extra sweets and chips.

Cost: \$200.00 per sponsorship (up to 36 people)

A Tel Aviv Kiddush with 37 to 100 people will be charged an extra \$5 per person.

For the Tel Aviv, any other extras—such as specialty napkins, flowers, wine, schnapps, or candy—may be supplied by the sponsor. These items must be delivered to the synagogue the Thursday before the event; the number of attendees must be confirmed with the office that day as well. Rental of tablecloths (to cover cleaning) will cost an extra \$5 per cloth. Events involving more than 100 people will be governed by the requirements outlined in the *Renting Synagogue Space* Policy (room rentals, caretaker costs, and other charges).

#### 3. Kiddush Sponsorship for Special Events *More than 100 people*

This requires a caterer to prepare selected foods supplied by the caterer/sponsor, and to use the Shaar kitchen, ovens, tables, and dishes. A work order must be completed at least three (2) weeks prior to the kiddush, which will include the expected number of guests and any special arrangements required. (Refer to the *Renting Synagogue Space Policy* for details on the work order process.) Note: When planning the number of attendees at the special event, remember to count the approximately 30-36 regular worshipers who may also attend the kiddush.

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

Costs:

- any charges detailed in the *Renting Synagogue Space Policy* (room rentals, caretaker costs, and other charges);
- caterer cost; and
- food cost.

Policy Exceptions

None identified.

Policy Monitoring

None identified.

Forms Included with this Policy as Attachments

N/A