



Adath Israel Congregation

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ADATH ISRAEL'S 2015 SIMCHA GUIDE

We are thrilled that you are interested in making Adath Israel a part of your simcha! This guide has a lot of the information that you need to understand all of the ways that the synagogue can be incorporated into your special event. Whether you would like to sponsor a Friday Evening Oneg Shabbat, Saturday Kiddush, or are planning a private party to celebrate a wedding or Bar/Bat Mitzvah, we can help! While we hope this general guide will be helpful, we encourage you to set aside time to speak to either the Adath Israel's administrator or the chair of the catering committee to discuss your plans and make final arrangements.

Sponsoring an Oneg, Kiddush or Other Synagogue Event

Whether you are a regular at weekly services or an occasional presence we know everyone enjoys an attractive, appetizing nosh as we kibbutz with friends old and new. Sponsoring a Friday night Oneg Shabbat, Kiddush Lunch or perhaps another holiday is a great way to honor a Yartzheit, birthday, anniversary, graduation, award, a new job or any other news you'd like to share with the congregation. Any donation to the "Adath Israel Kiddush Fund" is welcomed! We will make sure that your support of our usual food service is announced in the Weekly Update email and from the bima at the conclusion of services the week of sponsorship. Usual Kiddush fare might include a warm item such as quiche or kugel, vegetable platters, fresh fruit, cookies and warm beverages*.

Enhanced Levels of Sponsorship

Enhancing your sponsorship is a wonderful way of further sharing your simcha with the congregation. At levels of funding above \$180, members who sponsor an event can impact the choice of menu and really turn a weekly ritual into a true celebration. If the size of your guest list will be greater than 50 non-congregants we may ask for a larger contribution to accommodate the larger overall gathering.

Friday Evening Oneg Shabbat is usually a parve offering, as most will have eaten meat as a Shabbat meal. Kiddush lunch is usually a dairy meal, but should you wish to provide the congregation with a meat lunch we can work with you to make it happen. Assuming your invited guests do not dramatically outnumber the expected number of congregants here is what your sponsorship will provide:

Chai Sponsored Oneg/Kiddush -- \$180.00—Usual Oneg/Kiddush fare, perhaps some seasonal veggies, fruit and something sweet to go with you coffee or tea. All necessary staffing, paper/plastic goods and plastic table cloths.

Double Chai Sponsorship -- \$360—A greater selection and perhaps a special request or decorated cake. On Saturdays, a light luncheon featuring a warm entree and fruit. All necessary staffing, paper/plastic goods and plastic table cloths.

Mensch Sponsorship -- \$540 and Up—A complete luncheon, featuring a warm items, salads, and sweets. With a “Mensch Sponsorship” we can accommodate greater customization of the menu to offer your favorite items. All necessary staffing, paper/plastic goods and plastic table cloths.

*Adath Israel does not usually serve soda or juice (other than for blessing), but can accommodate at enhanced sponsorship levels

Private Events

Adath Israel is a great place to host your private event! Our dramatic, light-filled sanctuary opens directly into the high ceilinged Chandelier Hall and the very flexible social halls. The movable walls enable a wide range of events from small family Shabbat Dinners to quite large weddings. Our kitchen stands ready to provide a wonderful dining experience, whether you utilize our in-house catering or hire a kosher caterer to take charge of your event. Please note that if you plan to have a private event preceding or following a Friday evening or Saturday morning religious service we ask that you ALSO sponsor the Oneg/Kiddush for the congregation.

Kashrut and Caterers

Adath Israel is a developing a wonderful in-house capability to deliver tasty and tasteful meals and is a wonderful option that is both quite competitively priced and a help to the synagogue. We can currently handle events of up to about 75-80 people. The chair of the kitchen and catering committee, as well as the kitchen manager are ready to help you with a customized menu! It is important to note that Adath Israel's kitchens are strictly kosher and not outside food may be brought in unless it is through an approved kosher caterer or sealed with a hechsher and inspected by the Kitchen Manager, Catering Chair or the Rabbi. We ask that you please understand that no food may be brought from home, even if you keep kosher at home.

Approved Kosher Caterers

Barclay Catering

10960 Dutton Road, Philadelphia, Pa. 19154 (215) 612-2837
Barclaycaterers.com

Betty the Caterer

7037 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19126 (215) 224-8400
PeterO@bettythecaterer.com

18 Carat Caterers / Lox Stock & Deli

228 Ryders Lane, Milltown, NJ 08850 (732) 214-8900
JR18caratcaterer@aol.com

Panache Catering

4510 Adams Circle, Bensalem, PA 19020 (215) 633-7100
Foodarama.com

Signature Creations/Deli-King of Linden

628 W. Saint Georges Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036 (908) 925-3909
eddie@signaturecreationscaterers.com

Approved Bakeries

Classic Cake

480 E. Evesham Rd., Cherry Hill, NJ (856) 751-5448
classiccake.com

Cramer's Bakery

14 E. Afton Avenue, Yardley, Pa 19067 (215) 493-2760
cramerbakery.com

Markets & Takeout

ShopRite Kosher Experience

Lawrenceville, NJ (609) 275-8555

Lin's Kosher Chinese

244 S Main St, Manville, NJ 08835 (908) 722-8668

World of Falafel

14 South State Street, 1st floor, Newtown, PA 18940 (215) 860-5128
cs@worldoffalafel.com

Room Rentals

We think you will find Adath Israel's rates for private event usage very competitive as compared with all kinds of venues throughout Mercer and Bucks Counties. If you are a member of the congregation currently in good standing, we ask for a \$750 flat room rental fee. This includes use of tables and chairs, setting up and breaking down the room and a standard custodial service following the event. Use of the kitchen by an approved caterer is also included. At 50% deposit will hold the space on the calendar. Any exceptional conditions may result in an additional custodial cleanup fee.

If you are not currently a member of Adata Israel...We encourage you to join us!! Yes, you may still rent any of our facilities. However, we have a different rental schedule and rate list for community use. Each social hall, the kitchen, the chandelier hall, and the sanctuary are separately billed at \$300 each.

In order to protect and preserve the synagogue and our relationship, we require that all private events be insured with an event liability insurance policy. These are commonly known as "wedding insurance" and can even be bought on-line. A copy of the completed policy naming Congregation Adata Israel as the event location should be furnished to the synagogue administrator along with final payment 30 days prior to your event.

Deliveries and Decorations

In observance of Shabbat all deliveries should be completed before the office closes for Shabbat, usually 2pm Friday afternoon. If there is a need to access the building between the office closure and the start of Shabbat, special arrangements must be made and may include an additional custodial fee.

The Social Hall and Chandelier Hall are quite flexible and allow a wide range of décor. Several rental companies in the area are familiar with Adata Israel and can assist with everything from lighting to pipe and drape screening. As well we can help refer you to party planners who can bring vision and execution to your event. All vendors accessing the building – be they band, DJ, caterer, florist, etc. – must have a current insurance certificate on file with the Adata Israel Office.

Adata Israel has a small but tasteful assortment of linens available for rental should you wish to have table clothes but not contract with an outside rental agency. The charge for linens is currently \$8 per piece. In order to preserve the building we ask that no decoration be hung from the walls. Hanging items from the ceiling would require the involvement of our custodial crew and may incur additional fees for their time.

Bimah flowers and table centerpieces may be ordered through the synagogue or through your own florist. We encourage you to consider Jewish Family and Children's Services' program that provides symbolic food baskets – either as table centerpieces and/or bimah arrangements. A donation to the area's Kosher food pantry performs a valuable mitzvah and will dress up your event too. You may contact JFCS directly or through the Adata Israel Catering Chair.