

Einstein Synagogue Food, Beverage, and Kashrus Policy
(Effective March 23, 2015)

The below Food, Beverage, and Kashrus Policy (the "Kashrus Policy"), having been duly approved by a majority of the Einstein Synagogue (the "Synagogue") Board, the Synagogue Rabbi, and a majority of the voting members of the Synagogue, shall apply to all Synagogue events. A Synagogue event is any event that takes place in the Synagogue or any event that is advertised by the Synagogue in any manner and by any means of communication as being a Synagogue-sponsored event. Every individual participating in a Synagogue event must fully-comply with this Kashrus Policy.

The Synagogue may modify or add to this Kashrus Policy only with the approval of a majority of the Synagogue Board, the Synagogue Rabbi, and a majority of the voting members of the Synagogue.

1. **Synagogue Events.** Every food and beverage item served for consumption at any Synagogue event, with the exceptions provided below in Sections 2 through 7 of this Kashrus Policy, must be:
 - a. contained in sealed packaging from the time the item is obtained, by purchase or otherwise, until the time it is served for consumption at the Synagogue event; and
 - b. affixed with a Reliable Hechsher.
 - i. **Reliable Hechsher.** Reliable Hechsherim include only:
 - A. OU;
 - B. Kof-K;
 - C. Star-K;
 - D. CRC;
 - E. OK; and
 - F. any other hechsher approved by the Synagogue Rabbi (a "Reliable Hechsher," and together, "Reliable Hechsherim").
2. **Kiddush.** Every food and beverage item served for consumption at a Synagogue Kiddush must, with the exception provided in Section 2(c) below, be:
 - a. contained in sealed packaging from the time the item is obtained, by purchase or otherwise, until the time it is served for consumption at Kiddush; and
 - b. affixed with a Reliable Hechsher.
 - c. **Cholent.** A member of the Synagogue who sponsors Kiddush may cook a Cholent to be served at his or her sponsored Kiddush; provided however that the Cholent:
 - i. is cooked only in the Synagogue social hall;
 - ii. is cooked using only:
 - A. the Synagogue's utensils and cutting board; or
 - B. disposable utensils and cutting board;
 - iii. is cooked only in the Synagogue's crock pot; and
 - iv. contains only ingredients that are affixed with a Reliable Hechsher.
 - d. **Clean Up.** A Synagogue member who makes Cholent for Kiddush must clean the Synagogue Cholent pot and utensils no more than thirty-six (36) hours after the conclusion of the Kiddush at which the cholent is served, in the Synagogue's kitchen sink, using the Synagogue's sponge.
3. **Personal Events in Synagogue Social Hall.** A Synagogue member who rents the Synagogue social hall for a personal event pursuant to the Synagogue's Social Hall Policy (a "Social Hall Renter"), may bring home-made goods into the Social Hall for consumption at the personal event; provided however Social Hall Renter:

- a. may not make use of the Synagogue social hall kitchen, including but not limited to the social hall sink, refrigerator, counters, cabinets, oven, and utensils; and
 - b. covenants to use his or her best efforts to ensure home-made goods fully-comply with all applicable laws of Kashrus.
 - c. **Alcohol.** A Social Hall Renter may serve alcohol at his or her personal event.
4. **Synagogue Onegs.** Every food and beverage item served for consumption at a Synagogue Oneg, including but not limited to Onegs sponsored by the Synagogue Education Committee, which are located:
 - a. in a Synagogue member's apartment, must be either:
 - i. contained in sealed packaging and affixed with a Reliable Hechsher; or
 - ii. cooked or baked by the family or individual in whose apartment the Oneg is hosted and clearly communicated and marked as home-made;
 - b. in the Synagogue, in the courtyard, or anywhere else that is not in a member's apartment, must be:
 - i. both contained in sealed packaging from the time the item is obtained, by purchase or otherwise, until the time it is served for consumption, and, affixed with a Reliable Hechsher.
 - ii. No home-made items may be served for consumption.
5. **Casino Night.** Every food and beverage item served for consumption by the Synagogue at Casino Night must be both contained in sealed packaging from the time the item is obtained, by purchase or otherwise, until the time it is served for consumption, and, affixed with a Reliable Hechsher.
6. **Bake Sale.** Food offered for sale at a Synagogue bake sale planned by the Synagogue Bake Sale Committee (a "Bake Sale") may be home-made; provided however:
 - a. all home-made goods offered for sale at a Bake Sale must be packaged and contain a label clearly describing who prepared and baked each item; and
 - b. every individual who bakes an item to be sold at a Bake Sale covenants to use his or her best efforts to ensure home-baked goods fully-comply with all applicable laws of Kashrus.
7. **Potlucks.** An individual may bring his or her own home-made items to Synagogue potluck meals; provided however that each potluck attendee:
 - a. may not make use of the Synagogue social hall kitchen, including but not limited to the social hall sink, refrigerator, counters, cabinets, oven, and utensils;
 - b. covenants to use his or her best efforts to ensure home-made goods fully-comply with all applicable laws of Kashrus; and
 - c. describes in writing on the applicable Synagogue potluck spreadsheet the item that he or she will bring to the potluck; the Synagogue Board shall make this potluck spreadsheet available at the potluck meal.
8. **Alcohol.** Alcohol is permitted on Synagogue premises; provided however, the Synagogue Board may limit or prohibit alcohol at any Synagogue event.
9. **Food in the Sanctuary.** No food or beverages are permitted in the Synagogue sanctuary at any time; provided however, grape juice and wine are permitted in the sanctuary for Kiddush, Havdalah, and similar uses.
10. **Nut-Free Premises.** The Synagogue premises shall be nut-free.