

KIDDUSH, CATERER AND KITCHEN FAQs

INTRODUCTION:

The following information is designed to help your family plan your simcha following a Saturday morning Bar/Bat Mitzvah at our synagogue. In the spirit of inclusion and community, it is the custom at Or Atid that the Bar/Bat Mitzvah family host a Congregational Kiddush to which the entire congregation is invited immediately after the Shabbat morning service.

Minimally, a Congregational Kiddush consists of wine, grape juice, and two uncut loaves of challah. Optionally, it may include fruit, cookies, pastries, bagels, etc. The Congregational Kiddush is simple to set up and is typically served in the lobby. If this is the extent of the Kiddush that you are planning, you may choose to have it catered or a Simple Kiddush may be catered by synagogue volunteers for a fee. In either case, host families supply the food as well as a few other items (listed below). Should you be interested in an extended use of the facility following the Congregational Kiddush, you may make arrangements to use the Social Hall for a family simcha celebration.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Kitchen and Social Hall Requirements:

Caterers; If you plan to use a caterer for either the simple Kiddush, or a more extended Kiddush or luncheon, please remember that all caterers must be approved by the Va'ad HaRabanim (the Massachusetts Rabbinical Council that oversees kashrut). A list of approved caterers is available in the office and posted in the Or Atid kitchen. All items you bring into the synagogue for your simcha must be:

- kosher
- in new and unopened condition
- approved by the Kitchen Committee
- brought into the building on Friday morning between 9:30 AM and noon

The Kitchen Committee will need the attached form filled in and returned to the office when your selections have been made regarding your Kiddush choices, your catering company or stores where you plan to purchase your food items. The Kitchen Committee will be sure to contact your caterer with rules regarding the kitchen facility at Or Atid.

Your family or your caterer is responsible for:

- 2 challah
- wine for the motzie
- small wine cups
- cups, napkins, plates, tablecloths

Delivery Times, etc:

- Tables and chairs are delivered to Or Atid at 8:00 – 9:00 AM on Thursday morning
- Décor and food supplies should be delivered on Friday morning between 9:30 AM and noon
- Pick up of all items must be done on Monday afternoon following the event, between 2:00 – 4:00 PM
- It is **important** to note that there can be no deliveries made during Shabbat
- Deliveries specifically: please speak with Linda
- Catering specifically: please consult with the very experienced Kitchen Committee Sara Abramovitz for details

See the **Event Planning** tab on our web site for more information and **FAQ's**. Please fill out and return the **Kitchen Committee** form to Sara/ Kitchen Committee in the Or Atid office. All questions and issues related to the Kiddush and food portion of your simcha should be directed to her. Sara can be reached at 978-443-9747 or saralarry@comcast.net

Tables and Chairs:

- 18 60" round tables that seat 10
- 1 8' rectangular table
- 2 6' rectangular tables 72" x 30"
- 2 6' rectangular tables 72" x 36"
- 3 5' rectangular tables
- 60 folding chairs

These items are owned by Or Atid and are available for use during your simcha. All other tables and chairs must be rented and delivered according to the schedule above. A floor plan must be submitted to Linda/Oscar two weeks prior to your event. See the Or Atid website for suggested floor plans.

Coffee Maker; Your caterer is welcome to use our coffee maker

Trash; Your caterer is required to remove all trash from Or Atid. Please encourage them, however to use our recycling bins for soda bottles, cans, plastics #1 and #2 and cardboard.

Leftovers; Avoid Waste and Perform a Mitzvah; You are responsible for removing leftover food and flowers from your event after Shabbat ends. If you need assistance with leftover food that you do not wish to take home please notify Sara and she will help make arrangements to donate the food to an area shelter, or, if appropriate, freeze it for future use. Please tell your caterer in advance what you plan to do with the leftovers so they can save and wrap them appropriately.

Flowers and Decorations; It is not necessary to purchase fresh flowers for our pulpit although many families choose to do so. You are welcome to select from the three different pairs of silk flower arrangements that are owned by Or Atid. Another option is to please consider using our two decorative "food baskets", which are available for a \$180.00 donation to Mazon, a Jewish organization that helps to feed the hungry. Floral centerpieces and personal care accessories can also be placed in the restrooms; you are responsible for removing these items after Shabbat ends.

See Kitchen Questionnaire.