

New B'Mitzvah & Other Simchas Catering Policy

Agudas Achim wishes to ensure that your family's simcha is a truly memorable event. Our Food Department has shown that it can provide a wonderful experience at a competitive price and is happy to work with your family for a Shabbat dinner, oneg, and/or kiddush. However, we've to realize that it can be helpful if we set some basic expectations.

New Policy as of January 1, 2023

Agudas Achim has a small staff and is not a professional caterer. As such, we encourage families who are considering renting the Lainof Auditorium or other Agudas Achim facilities for a Saturday evening reception to bring in a Kosher Caterer to handle your evening event. Rental rates are available upon request, as is a list of Kosher Caterers.

For those considering a Sunday event—b'mitzvah or some other simcha—please be aware that our Religious School has grown so large that we are using every available space to educate our children. This means that we cannot rent out the Lainof Auditorium for Sunday morning simchas, such as a Sunday B'Mitzvah, if Religious School is in session that day. On Sundays when the Religious School is not in session, Agudas Achim is happy to check into availability for renting the facility. As with Saturday evening events, we also highly recommend bringing in a Kosher Caterer to handle your Sunday morning simcha.

An outside Kosher Caterer is also recommended for Sunday evening events. If you are interested in having a Sunday evening simcha here at Agudas Achim, we are more than happy to check on facility availability for you.

Please note the following:

- *Final menu quotes may change due to seasonal pricing or inflation.*
- Janitorial services are charged separately at \$50/hour per person. Typically, we provide 2 janitors for simchas, who will set-up and clean-up after the event.
- Security is offered for Shabbat services, per current policy (which is subject to change). Security costs \$55/hour per off-duty deputy hired. (The front entrance is only unlocked, when at least one off-duty officer is assigned to the synagogue.)