

Guidelines for Events Held at the Bayit



The Bayit Environmental Mission Statement

Our Bayit recognizes the importance of safeguarding our environment. We are guided by Torah teachings as well as a desire to do our part to counteract global warming and pollution while conserving resources. These values are reflected in how the Bayit operates internally for members and within the community.

As The Bayit is located in New York City, the building adheres to NYC recycling rules for plastics, paper, and organics. Hosts and caterers are asked to adhere to **NYC recycling rules and to minimize waste:**

- All paper is collected in the blue bins.
- All plastic bottles, cartons, and containers are collected in the green bins.
- All organic matter, food waste, and food-soiled paper is collected in the brown bins.

Caterers should be notified that the building collects organic recycling.

To make the most of the benefits of NYC services, minimize waste, and take seriously the notion of *Bal Tashchit*, **The Bayit encourages caterers and hosts to adhere to the following guidelines:**

- To refrain from using plastic disposable or single-use plates, cups, and flatware. Paper or compostable is a better option if single use is necessary. Reusable, glass, ceramic, etc. is best.
- To use cloth or reusable tablecloths
- To incorporate seasonal and local produce where possible
- To minimize food waste by not over-ordering
- To minimize non-food related single-use items that will be trashed at the end of the event
- To arrange for the donation of or use of leftover food, flowers, etc.

Food Donations:

- **City Harvest:** Call Food Sourcing Team at 646-412-0758 or email fooddonations@cityharvest.org
- **Food Bank For New York City:** Call Food Sourcing Manager at 212-566-7855 x 2250 or email foodsourcing@foodbanknyc.org
- **Rescuing Leftover Cuisine:** rescuingleftovercuisine.org/donate-food
- **Bikur Cholim of Staten Island:** 718-494-4343, bikur.cholim.si@gmail.com