

# First Narayever Congregation Food Allergy Policy

## Objectives

The objective of the policy is to retain the open kitchen and not prohibit any kosher food from being brought onto the premises while at the same time making it easier from those suffering from allergies that could result in an anaphylactic reaction to better assess their risk in a general way and on specific occasions, while raising an awareness of the problem.

## Policy

First Narayever Congregation's policy regarding food allergy is:

- a. The First Narayever Congregation commits only to maintaining a kosher kitchen with respect to the type of food and drink that we serve at our communal meals at our location on Brunswick Avenue.
- b. The First Narayever Congregation does not ban any kosher food from being served or prepared on its premises.
- c. Every attempt will be made to warn anyone who might suffer an anaphylactic reaction that First Narayever Congregation does not attempt to restrict any kosher substances from the premises, meaning that **allergens that could trigger an anaphylactic reaction could be present on the premises and that adults and children who attend services/functions at our synagogue and eat at our synagogue are completely responsible for any health concerns they may have with respect to food and drink.** Those warnings may be made by way of signage in the basement, notices on our websites, on pew cards and/or in the weekly notices placed on the pews and in the shul bulletin.
- d. Our website and policies regarding bringing food into the shul will remind those bringing food onto the premises that people attending the shul may have food allergies that could result in an anaphylactic reaction and the shul asks those people to be sensitive to the needs of those suffering such allergies.
- e. Anyone bringing in food must be leave a contact name and number with the shul office that can be contacted to advise on the ingredients that will be brought into the shul so that someone attending the shul can determine in advance if they will have a health concern attending the service or the Kiddush afterwards.
- f. Any person who regularly prepares food for the shul will be made aware of the allergens of the congregants that have been made known to the shul office, on the understanding that the person preparing the food will not be prohibited from using that item.
- g. That while the shul will try to be aware of nut allergies with respect to the children's Kiddush and other food being brought in to the shul, the shul cannot guarantee that we are nut free.

This policy will be put into effect on February 1, 2009.