

## Congregation Beth Shalom

### KASHRUT POLICY

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Our Jewish tradition is based on a system of ethical and ritual law that aims to elevate each of our actions to acknowledge our relationship to God. As a Reform congregation, we are committed to honoring the legal system, while making its application relevant and meaningful in the context of modernity.

Reflecting these commitments of Reform Judaism, our congregation's *kashrut* policy is designed, first, to endow the meals served in the congregational setting with *kedushah* (holiness) by following the spirit of the biblical and rabbinic dietary laws and second, to allow families and committees sponsoring meals at the synagogue a flexibility reasonable within the context of Reform practice.

**All food served at congregational functions, whether held in the synagogue, or at an alternative site, shall conform to the following:**

- No pork or pork products may be served or brought into the synagogue at any time.
- No shellfish (e.g., lobster, shrimp, crab) or seafood without scales or fins (e.g., eel, catfish) may be served or brought into the synagogue at any time.
- Each course of a meal service must be exclusively meat or dairy.
- After a meat main course is served, it is acceptable to serve a dairy dessert providing that the meat course is cleared before the dessert is served.

We recommend the same dietary policy set for the synagogue to be followed for those who choose to hold receptions that are associated with lifecycle celebrations outside the synagogue. Each of these meals is a *Se'udah Mitzvah*, a meal partaken in fulfillment of a *mitzvah*, and should reflect this unique status.