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יום שלישי כ"ז תשרי תשע"ה

We wish you a hearty Mazal Tov in advance of your forthcoming *simchah*, and draw your attention to the services the Shule can make available should you wish to provide a Kiddush to celebrate this wonderful occasion. Our Shule has a great tradition of providing a Kiddush for our Members on a weekly basis. This enables Congregants to mix socially and enjoy each other's company after the service. When there is a Simcha the joy and significance of the occasion is heightened when the Congregation is able to share in your joy.

Adele Southwick Centre Hall hire fee

It would come as no surprise that it costs the Shule each time the Adele Southwick Centre hall is used. The costs include set-up and pack-up by a groundsman, cleaning the hall, the use of water, electricity and gas and general wear and tear (the hall needs to be repainted or carpet replaced over time due to use). The fee, which is considerably lower for those inviting the congregation to a morning kiddush, is as follows:

Adele Southwick Hall (*open kiddush including congregation*) No charge (member or non members)

Adele Southwick Hall (*private function*) \$550 (members) or \$825 (non-members)

Typically, we do not have a groundsman on duty on a regular Shabbat and the caterers lock up after they finish the function. If, for whatever reason, you require a groundsman for something special, we can arrange one for you at cost.

Caterer

- Feel free to choose any Kosher Australia-approved caterer.
- If you like, we are able to provide you with a very **economical** kiddush through Peter Unger Catering because we have negotiated a price with him and *we* become his client. This option is the **simplest**. You select your preferred menu from page 3 of this document and advise us of the numbers and we will arrange for our preferred caterer to provide the Kiddush. The Shule will pay the caterer. You will receive an account from the Shule that we would like paid no later than 7 days before the event because we have commitments with the caterer that we must meet in order to keep the costs down.

Kiddush numbers

When calculating the number of people for whom you wish to cater we suggest that you estimate that about 75% of your family and friends might attend the service; of course, you might be aware of reasons why the actual number will be substantially different. For an "open" kiddush, we would then ask that you add 65 to cover our regular worshippers.

Can I donate/sponsor a kiddush for regulars even if we have a private one off-site?

While we would love you to celebrate your kiddush on-site, for a variety of reasons, some people organise a private function in their own home following the service. In such circumstances, it is then common to put on a kiddush for the regular worshippers and the newsletter announces that "this week's kiddush is kindly donated by..." We spend just \$390 each week for our regular kiddush but are happy to put on something special in your honour should you so choose.

What about if there is another simchah on the day?

We're thrilled that so many people choose to have their *simchah* at our Shule and therefore it *can* happen that there is another simchah on the day. The first *simchah* to make a confirmed booking with us will



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always be the first to determine if they wish to have a kiddush in the hall, although they may be given a date by which to make that decision. Unfortunately, priority cannot be given to members over non-members in this instance. Even the fact that the first *simchah* may be small and the second larger, cannot alter this priority although common sense between the *simchos* will dictate the following available options:

Option 1 – share the kiddush

Where the second *simchah* expresses an interest to share the costs of the first (and this is most common), it will be up to the first *simchah* to make the decision. Most often both *simchos* will agree to share, not just because it is financially prudent to do so but because it brings the community together. In that instance, the menu selection is by agreement between the two *simchos*, normally facilitated by me.

We even have *simchos* who share the kiddush when they have totally different needs. For example, one may want to have a luncheon in our hall following the kiddush. In that instance, typically the two will share the kiddush with the agreed menu option and then, as guests start to dissipate, the caterer clears up somewhat and sets up the luncheon for the guests invited to the luncheon. The option also allows the *simchah* providing the luncheon to ask only select guests, such as family members, to stay for the luncheon rather than ALL of their guests.

Option 2 – one kiddush in each of our two halls

Less frequently, the first *simchah* does not or cannot share the kiddush. This may happen when the first *simchah* to book anticipates so many guests that the hall will already be full and simply cannot cope with more numbers. The second *simchah* may choose to have their kiddush in the smaller (catering to around 100 people) Danglow Centre Smorotka Hall.

In rare instances, the *simchos* do not want to share for a variety of reasons. While the first *simchah* to confirm has priority on choosing which hall to use, we hope that good sense prevails and that if the first *simchah* has numbers that can be catered for in our Danglow Centre that they will choose to do their kiddush there.

Should you wish to discuss any of the above or the menu options in the first instance please call me at the Shule office (9537 1433) or email to: office@stkildashule.org

We would also be happy to meet with you at the Shule office should you wish a more personal discussion.

Yours sincerely,

Rita Elbaz
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OUR THREE CURRENT OPTIONS

Please note, prices may increase prior to your confirmed Kiddush booking, although we will inform you at the time of your booking.

The prices per person below include GST and typically have a 100 people minimum). The service includes linen table cloth & waiting personnel

Legend: **nf** – nut free; **gf** – gluten free

MENU #1: \$17.75 (inc GST) per person

Sliced gefilte fish

Gefilte fish fried

Pan fried fish pieces

Olives and pickles

Selection of crackers / corn thins

Herring – 2 types

Crudités and Dips

Egg and onion, eggplant, tuna

Chef's selection of 2 salads

Cakes and biscuits

Fruit platters

Soft Drinks

Optional (per person): Smoked salmon \$2.20; Filled mini-bagels \$2.50; Whole baked salmon \$2.00

MENU #2: \$21.50 (inc GST) per person

As above including Smoked Salmon, stuffed egg platters, a third salad and chips

Optional (per person): Filled mini-bagels \$2.50; Whole baked salmon \$2.00

MENU #3: \$23.50 (inc GST) per person

As Menu #2 plus Anti-pasto platters of eggplant, sun-dried tomatoes, carrot, mushrooms, capsicum and zucchini and a fourth salad

Optional (per person): Filled mini-bagels \$2.50; Whole baked salmon \$2.00

Should there be something you would like that is not listed please contact us so we can advise if it might be obtained and at what cost.

ALCOHOL

You can supply *kosher* alcohol to the St Kilda Shule office by midday on the Wednesday before the event. No alcohol, food or decorations may be brought to the Shule on the Saturday morning.