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We wish you a hearty Mazal Tov in advance of your forthcoming Simcha, 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.

Option 1 – Shule caterer

1. This option is the **most economical** because we have negotiated a price with the caterer because they know that they will likely have many kiddushim here and because they only need to deal with us and not every individual *ba'al simchah*.
2. The caterer he will pay your hall hire fee on your behalf without you having to pay it.
3. This option is the **simplest**. You select your preferred menu from the attached pages 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.

Option 2 – Caterer of your choice

Feel free to choose any Kosher Australia-approved caterer. We charge a Hall Hire fee that covers our maintenance and cleaning costs. The hall hire fee is dependent on whether you are planning to have a private function or, a lower fee, if you are having an "open" function. Members are also entitled to a discount off the current rate.

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.

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 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:



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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 do not include GST and typically have a 100 people minimum). The service includes soft drinks, linen table cloth & waiting personnel

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

MENU #1: \$14.50 (+GST) per person

Mixed cakes and biscuits

Variety of savoury Dips with crackers and vegetables

Fruit platters

Mixed Fish comprising fried fish, boiled and fried gefilte fish balls

Herrings

Cucumbers

Olives

Chips

Soft Drinks

Kiddush wine

MENU #2: \$17.00 (+GST) per person

As above including Smoked Salmon and stuffed egg platters

MENU #3: \$18.50 (+GST) per person

As the above including the Smoked Salmon and stuffed egg platters from Menu #2 plus Anti-pasta Platters including a choice of Eggplant, sun-dried tomatoes, artichokes, carrot, mushrooms, capsicum, zucchini

Should you wish to add Mezonot “Mini” bagels to any of the above menus then the cost is increased by \$2 per head.

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.