Party time

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The Party Time Book was written to provide parents with assistance in planning parties. We have also included information on how to easily and practically make a Kosher party.

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Invitations

Please be sensitive to the manner in which you invite children and to which children you invite.

If you decide to send party invitations to be given out at school we ask that an invitation to be given to every child in the class.

If you are not inviting the whole class then please mail the invitations, to avoid embarrassment or upset.

You are certainly under no obligation to invite the whole class, however please be sensitive to the feelings of others and if only 2 or 3 are left out, perhaps give consideration to including them.

We ask that you be mindful of all students and either avoid parties on Shabbat or Chag, or conduct them in a manner that respects the observance of those special days.

Supervision

Trained teachers find it hard work supervising 30 children in a structured environment. Make sure you can relax and enjoy yourselves knowing that there are enough adults to keep an eye on all your guests.

It is suggested that:

1. There is an adult for every 10 children attending. If you are having 100 children at your party, you should have at least 10 adults who are actively supervising. More won't go astray either.

2. A class list be on hand, should you need to contact parents quickly.

3. Parents of all children are responsible for ensuring their children are picked up on time and clearly understand any and all transport arrangements made for them.
4. It is important that all children understand that they are not permitted to leave the party or to play outside unsupervised.

5. Basic first aid equipment should be on hand eg. Band-aids and disinfectant.

- Parents should be aware that by inviting children to their home or elsewhere for a party they (the parents) have a legal responsibility to prevent any risk of injury or damage from occurring. Naturally children have to bear any consequences of their acts themselves, but parents may be liable if they create or contribute to a particular risk. Parents should therefore adequately supervise children invited to be under their care, so as to avoid injury to the children or damage to property.

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**Type of Party??**

1. Varying the types of functions ensures fun and decreases the chance of misbehaviour due to boredom

2. Sharing parties reduces the number of parties and shares the costs. If the children are not in the same class keep in mind that the numbers may escalate.

3. Active participation by parents at parties should be regarded as absolutely essential and pleasurable.

4. Younger children enjoy short day time parties, while older children often prefer the early evening. Parties held during daylight savings periods should take into account the late ending of Shabbat.

5. Food is an important part of any party….and providing Kosher food makes the party more inclusive. Remember, you CAN have a Kosher party even if you don’t have a Kosher home. With the ever-increasing availability of Kosher products and take-away foods ,“making it Kosher” does not have to be a difficult task.
You CAN have a Kosher party even if you may not have a Kosher home!

This booklet contains a listing of a number of businesses that sell prepared Kosher food.

In addition, a multi-page listing of general **Kosher Snacks** (taken with permission from the most recent Kosher Guide) can be found on the Parent’s Page of the Mt Scopus website. [www.scopus.vic.edu.au](http://www.scopus.vic.edu.au)

If you prefer to prepare your own food, please remember that to be considered kosher, food that is cooked, baked, or heated must be done so using kosher utensils and appliances. Page 5 contains suggestions in this regard.

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**Meat or Milk:**

Logic tells us that a barbecue with ‘burgers or hot dogs is a meat meal. This means that the rolls must be marked parve and milk-free margarine used. Don’t forget that the accompanying foods must also be non-dairy. Non-dairy dressings on salads, condiments, potato chips etc.

Any lollies, sweets or dessert served must also be non-dairy(parve). As the custom is to wait for 3-6 hours after eating meat before one can eat dairy products, the time to serve ice-cream cake is with a dairy meal, not a meat meal.
Preparing a Kitchen:

A kitchen that is not kept Kosher throughout the year requires special preparations. The oven and microwave can be used, under specific circumstances. Foods can be reheated using the following methods.

**Microwave**

Thoroughly clean out the entire inside to remove any food particles. Place a glass of water in the microwave on high until the water boils over for a few minutes, wipe clean and cover glass plate with plastic.

**Oven**

Completely wrap the food in the original aluminium container in a double wrapping of aluminium foil, then heat.

**Barbecue**

The easiest thing to do is purchase the disposable barbecues that come complete with charcoal inside an aluminium tray. If you wish to use your own barbecue a new rack must be purchased. If an existing barbecue at a park is to be used, the plate must be scrubbed clean with a strong cleanser and a fire lit to allow the grate to be burned at a high flame for at least 20 minutes. The surface may then be wiped off and used. It is also acceptable to cover the grate with a double layer of aluminium foil before use, though this is risky, because if the foil cracks and falls apart, it can stick to the food, and also render the food unkosher.

Use only new or disposable serving spoons, plates, cups, cutlery and serving plates.

Cover all surfaces that will come into contact with the food ie bench tops, tables etc.
Kosher Party Venues
And Organisers

For those of you wishing to arrange a party at a venue, we have been able to compile the following list for your convenience where Kosher food can be provided by the venue or brought in by you. (Depending on the place)

These places will apparently provide Kosher parties:
  Chadstone Bowl  9568 7999  (brochure available from them)
  Wiz Kids Kindergym  9578 2332

The following venues allow you (by prior arrangement) to bring your own Kosher food for the party. (this list is not necessarily exhaustive)
  - Mums and Tots
  - Movies
  - Rollerblading
  - Sidetracked Entertainment Centre
  - Elwood Community Centre
  - Craig Family Centre
  - Strike bowling @ Chapel
  - Most municipal venues

Please remember that having a Kosher Party is so easy and will enable all students to be included and feel comfortable.
Kosher Korner

All Kashrut information is subject to change and was approved at time of publication. Additional establishments other than those listed may have Kosher items.

The following stores, whilst stocking a large range of Kosher products may have non-Kosher products as well. Remember to always check for the Kosher symbol.

Grocery Stores

Alex’s Kosher & Continental Mart
831 Glenhuntly Rd
Caulfield South
Ph 9523 0266

Bessa Foods
57 Kooyong Rd
North Caulfield
Ph 9500 0000

Dainty Food Products
(Kraus Foods)
62 Glen Eira Rd.
Elsternwick
Ph 9523 8463

Rishon Foods
23 William Street
Balaclava
Ph 9527 5141

Convenience Meal Mart
316A Carlisle Street
Balaclava
Ph 9525 8033

Lenny’s
636 Inkerman Street
Caulfield
Ph 9527 5349

Tempo
Shop 5 320 Carlisle Street
Balaclava
Ph 9525 8000

Produce Plus
241 Bambra Rd
Caulfield South
Ph 9532 8218

South African Shop
461 Hawthorn Road
Caulfield South
Ph 9523 7633

Many Coles & Woolworths Supermarkets have Kosher foods sections; eg, Elsternwick, Balaclava, Malvern, Bentleigh, Southland, The Pines East Doncaster, Donvale...
Take Away/Prepared Foods

The following is a list of Kosher certified food establishments.

**Bakeries**

Glick’s Cakes and Bagels
- 330a Carlisle St, Balaclava P: 03-9527 2198
- 456 Centre Rd, Bentleigh P: 03-9557 0377
- 362 Glen Huntly Rd, Elsternwick P: 03-9528 4000
- 153 Glenferrie Rd, Malvern P: 03-9500 8233
- 325 Flinders Lane, Melbourne P: 03-9614 0533
- Spotlight Centre - Shop G21, 111-113 Cecil Street, South Melbourne P: 03-9682 1233

Haymisha Bakery
- 320 Carlisle St
  Balaclava
  P: 9527 7116

Kosher Delight
- 75 Glen Eira Rd
  Ripponlea
  P: 9532 9994

Lichtenstein’s
- 287 Carlisle St
  Balaclava
  P: 9530 3366

**Ice Cream**

Baskin-Robbins
- 743 Burke Rd, Camberwell
  P: 9882 3825
- Kiosk 015 Chadstone Shopping Centre (Coles end),
  1341 Dandenong Rd
  P: 9568 5735
- DFO Moorabbin, Cnr Centre Dandenong Rd &
  Grange Rd
  P: 03 9584 2895
- Kiosk 301, Southland Shopping Centre, 1239
  Nepean Hwy, Cheltenham
  P: 9584 3558

Igloo Zoo
- 195 Glenferrie Road, Malvern
  P: 9500 9555
- Shop b116, Chadstone Shopping Centre
  1341 Dandenong Rd

**Pizza**

Shemesh Pizza
- 813 Glenhuntly Rd
  Caulfield South
  P: 9523 0444

Zavdiel’s
- 57A Kooyong Rd
  Caulfield
  P: 9500 8227
### Meat Restaurants

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Kosher Symbols

What do they mean?

It is very easy today for people who keep kosher to purchase foods. There are numerous symbols that are placed on products indicating that the individual product has Rabbinical supervision. The Rabbi, or his representative, who supervises a product does not recite any special words to make it Kosher. He simply checks all ingredients and follows the processing to be sure that no unacceptable food products are used and that meat and dairy are not mixed. When he is convinced that a product may be used, he authorises a Kosher symbol to be placed on the packaging. In purchasing prepared foods one must look for these symbols.

Symbols have value for both the manufacturer and consumer. The manufacturer benefits because the symbol takes up a small amount of label space and tells the consumer that this item is Kosher. Each symbol is copyrighted. A “K” on the other hand is not copyrighted and can be used by any manufacturer. By recognising the symbol on the label the sophisticated Kosher consumers benefit because they realise the respectability and round-the-clock supervision of this product without having to check with each manufacturer.

The following list is only a guide and was approved at time of publication. Additional symbols may be recognised by Rabbis in the Community.
Shabbat and Jewish Festivals

This section does not deal specifically with keeping kosher but it is part of the information needed when planning celebrations.

Shabbat and Jewish Festivals are special days and one must take into consideration that there are certain prohibitions that could prevent friends from participating in parties on these days. Such things as riding, playing music, use of electrical appliances and fire are prohibited. One must also take into consideration the starting and finishing times of Shabbat and Yomim Tovim, bearing in mind the introduction of Daylight Saving during the summer months. When planning your celebrations be sure to allow enough time for your guests to get ready and reach the destination after the conclusion of Shabbat.

There are certain times of the year that require giving special attention to the food that is eaten. The best example is Pesach. Chametz (leavened products) may not be eaten during the entire festival and special requirements need to be met for all food used.

During the four and a half weeks between Pesach and Lag B’Omer (with the exception of Yom Ha’Atzmaut) and during the three weeks between the 17th day of the Hebrew month of Tammuz and the 9th of Av, no live music is heard, and celebrations are generally avoided. In addition, the first 9 days of the month of Av, meat is avoided except on Shabbat. These dates and other significant dates are listed in the Jewish Calendar.

Independence Day
Dear Parents

While it is only a minority of children who misbehave, they can disrupt the party, spoiling it for others and burdening the hosts and the school with a bad name.

A quick reminder of basic manners, eg greeting, thanks, not pushing, might be needed to reinforce polite behaviour. All parents should accept that talking to their children about appropriate party behaviour can do no harm.

We sincerely hope that the publication of this booklet will positively contribute to ensure that our families and pupils will experience parties as pleasurable activities.

Best wishes for a successful celebration!