

Golders Green Shul: Use of disposables policy.

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Note: This document will form part of a wider Eco Shul policy document which is due to be issued in Sep 2019.

Background:

The shul survey conducted in Dec 2017 showed that members were concerned about the large amount of disposable plastic being used for shul catered events, particularly the Shabbat morning Kiddush.

Our use of plastic was deemed particularly wasteful, unsustainable and unnecessary given the large amounts of milky and meaty crockery available for use.

Julian Goodkin, a board member and the Shul's new Eco Strategy lead worked with the Chair Naomi Verber to implement a no-disposable Kiddush policy. The first no-disposable kiddush was piloted in May 2018 and is now a firm policy. Due to the success and support for the no-disposable kiddushim, the policy will be rolled out to all GGS catered events from September 2018.

Policy:

As of 01st September 2018, disposable tableware, (including plates, cups, cutlery, trays, plastic table clothes etc.) can't be used for any GGS catered events on site. This includes the children's services, communal meals, GGS events, youth/family/ social events or celebrations site, nursery meals and tea and coffee making facilities.

The policy also includes private non-GGS events where external caterers are being used such as weddings/ Bat/Bar Mitzvahs. As part of the hire fee we can provide crockery, cutlery, glasses/ wine glasses and white linen table clothes for up to 160 settings. The caterer will be responsible for washing up/drying and putting away the crockery. Alternatively, a kosher crockery hire service can be used.

How it works in practice:

1) A standard cold parev Kiddush:

- The meaty crockery is used for all standard parev kiddushim
- There are new white ceramic ramakins for the dips
- The glass beakers are used for adult drinks
- The coloured Ikea plastic beakers are used for kids soft drinks and for children's services
- The short-ribbed shot glasses are used for wine/grape juice
- The thick taller shot glasses are used for whisky
- The metal/wood trays are used for the wine/grape juice/whisky
- The crockery is left in the meaty side of the kitchen after the service

- Seraj (the caretaker) puts the crockery/ glassware/ plastic beaker through the dishwasher
- The plastic beakers are left out to fully dry before being stacked
- The crockery is put away by Seraj Sunday morning before when the kitchen is cleaned

2) A hot cholant /kugel meaty Kiddush

- As per example 1 but include the meaty ceramic bowls and meaty metal cutlery for the cholent.

3) A parev ice cream Kiddush

- As per example 1 but include the use of additional coloured ikea plastic cups for serving the ice-cream and additional meaty metal tea spoons.

4) A milky event (e.g. Senior's teas, Shavouot cheesecake kiddush/ simchat torah tea)

- Milky crockery and cutlery set is used
- Glass beakers only are used for soft drinks
- Same shot glasses and trays as parev/ meaty Kiddush are used
- Dips are put on small milky tea plates
- Crockery and cutlery are put in the milky sinks
- Beakers and shot glasses are left out to go in dishwasher
- Where hot drinks are served the milky tea set is used and glass milk jugs
- Seraj puts dishwasher on for glasses, washes up crockery/ plates and clears away for Sunday morning

5) Children's services

- Use plastic coloured beakers for drinks
- Use meaty plates/ bowls for food and drink (pls avoid milky snacks)