Principles of Congregation B'nai Israel Kiddush Policy – adopted June 1, 2014

We at CBI are overjoyed that you and your family have chosen to have your bar-bat mitzvah at our synagogue. We hope that you will continue to be part of the CBI community for years to come.

Your Kiddush that you are sponsoring should reflect whatever preferences you have for the style and type of food you would like to serve. It can be very simple or more extensive, at your option.

You have two options for a Kiddush: hire a caterer or do it yourself (or with your friends).

(1) If you wish to hire a caterer you can choose a caterer from the attached list of approved kosher caterers. If you want to hire a caterer who is not on the list the Executive Director would be pleased to work with you to ensure that your caterer of choice is approved. Once a caterer is approved the Executive Director or a member of the Kiddush Corps will meet with the caterer for an orientation of the kitchen.

The caterer will provide you with menus at a variety of prices that can accommodate your needs. We also have several suggested menus, depending on what you are willing to spend (see addendum). We can and are happy to help you with menu choices.

For a B'nai Mitzvah Kiddush or a special celebration, prepare for 100 CBI members in addition to your number of invited guests. This is a best guess only and as the event date approaches (two months before) a more accurate estimate will be available.

(2) If you decide to do the Kiddush yourself we are happy to assist you in this important part of your bar/bat mitzvah. The executive director will be pleased to go over with you all the Kashrut rules, for example, what foods may and may not be brought into the kitchen. Preparing a Kiddush is straightforward when one knows the basics. The Executive Director or a member of the Kiddush Corps will go over all kitchen operations with you.

Other members of the synagogue, including Norbert Goldfield, our current president, would also be happy to help you prepare menus that would cost significantly less than a catered event. If neither hiring a caterer nor doing the Kiddush by yourself (or with friends) is possible for you please speak with either the Executive Director, the Rabbi or the President of the synagogue and we will provide suggestions. Again, we are so pleased to share this wonderful event with you and we look forward to your engagement with CBI for years to come.

If you are preparing the Kiddush yourself (or with friends) CBI will charge a fee of $250 for the following: wine, grape juice, coffee and tea; tablecloths and dishtowels (including cleaning them after your event); all paper goods (paper cups, napkins, Kiddush cups). Also included in this fee is a CBI staff person who will professionally clean the dishes, kitchen, social hall as well as shut and secure the building after the event. (This charge is basically our cost). You will also be asked to pay a security deposit of $100, to be returned after your event (less our cost for replacing any items broken by you).

Included at no charge are: Tables and chairs, setup and breakdown of tables and chairs, kitchen

equipment, dishes, flatware, and serving dishes.

The family is responsible for bringing all remaining food as well as all dishes, cups, and serving pieces back to the kitchen for cleaning.

Please note: ***CBI dues do not go toward Kiddushim. Bar and Bat Mitzvah Kiddushim have always been, and continue to be, paid for through the generosity of our members.***

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Suggested Kiddush menus –

Kiddush Lite

Challah

wine and grape juice

mini bagels and cream cheese

cut-up vegetables and hummus

dessert

fruit

seltzer, juice, coffee, tea

Standard Kiddush

Kiddush Lite plus:

Tuna or egg salad

A green salad

Kiddush Deluxe

Standard Kiddush plus:

2-3 baked dishes such as kugel, spanikopita,

Additional items for a deluxe Kiddush may include Lox or whitefish

Overall Suggestion: You may wish to consider including kid-friendly dishes such as sesame Noodle