

## **Food Allergy Policy – A “Nut Aware” Religious School**

- We ask that all families be “aware” of products containing nuts or products that may have been processed in a plant where nuts are also handled.
- This policy covers food served at Religious school, Hebrew school, school programs, family dinners and onegs for family services.
- All attempts will be made to ensure foods are nut free (i.e. peanuts, tree nuts, and sesame seeds) and that foods were not made/processed/packaged in facilities that process foods containing nuts.
- All food covered under this policy will be provided by the synagogue or ordered from an approved nut-free bakery (e.g. Cerbones, Sunrise Baking, Kneaded Bread).
- When using food as part of a lesson, teachers will consult a list of student allergies, plan accordingly, provide food alternatives when necessary, and notify parents of the plan.
- We will inform all vendors and parents of this policy to ensure adherence.
- If the policy cannot be followed (e.g. bake sale, food truck, etc.) we will notify all parents and provide nut-free alternatives.
- Preparedness and Treatment
  - All parents must complete a form listing their child’s allergies for our records and classroom teachers.
  - Parents should notify the school if their child brings his/her own Epi-pen. A Doctor’s order written and signed by the doctor on an annual basis covering the school year must be with the Epi-pen. A copy will also be kept in the Religious School Office.
  - If the child forgets to bring his/her Epi-pen parents must notify the Religious School Office.
  - During Religious School hours an adult trained in using an Epi-pen will be in the building.
  - If an Epi-pen is used, the teacher or Director of Education will immediately call 911 and then the parents to alert them.

The goal of this policy is to prevent any child’s serious allergic reaction. Please contact Jade Ross, Director of Education, with any questions and to provide additional information about your child.