

Alcohol Policy

Whereas, the use and abuse of alcohol has become a significant problem in the Jewish community, paralleling similar problems in the society at large; and

Whereas, the use of alcohol at the shul, unless sanctioned and controlled, becomes disruptive and disrespectful and may glorify the use of alcohol, sending a detrimental message to our children; and

Whereas, the use of alcohol at the shul, unless sanctioned and controlled, subjects the shul to potential liability and financial harm; and

Whereas, the Board of the Young Israel of Hollywood wishes to set policies and procedures for the use of alcohol on the shul premises and at shul sponsored functions;

Therefore, be it resolved that the shul administration adopt an alcohol policy to be the official policy of the shul and such Alcohol Policy shall include the following provisions:

- a) All wine served must be *mevushal*
- b) Single malt scotch cannot be aged or finished in sherry casks.
- c) Alcoholic beverages must be approved or recommended by the Chicago Rabbinical Council.
<https://www.crcweb.org/LiquorList.pdf>
- d) No alcohol is to be left open and unsupervised on the shul premises. Any alcohol left unsupervised will be disposed of.
- e) The shul office must be notified in advance of any function (kiddush, simchah, l'chaim, etc.) in the shul where alcohol will be served.
- f) The Renter or Family sponsoring such function must provide a server over the age of 25 to be provided to supervise the serving of alcohol.
- g) Alcohol shall be served in the main function room only, unless authorized in advance by the shul office. No alcohol is to be served in the sanctuary other than sacramental Kiddush wine, only when authorized in advance by the Rabbi.
- h) Any member whose alcohol is served to or consumed by a minor or who is not in compliance with clauses b-d above is subject to:
 - confiscation of alcohol
 - prohibition of any alcohol being brought onto the premises by this member in the future
 - removal from the shul premises and/or suspension of membership
- i) Upon completion of the function, all remaining alcohol shall be immediately removed by the sponsor or caterer from the shul premises or locked in the shul office until picked up.
- j) Anyone appearing inebriated at the shul or anyone who becomes disruptive, disrespectful or abusive may be escorted off the shul premises and may be turned over to authorities if necessary.