



RODEPH SHOLOM SCHOOL KASHRUT POLICY

As a Reform Jewish school, the Rodeph Sholom School policy of kashrut balances an embrace of the dietary practices of Jewish tradition and the broader Jewish world with a desire to encourage students to make informed choices in their own religious life. While Jewish dietary practices have shifted and changed across generations and geography, intentional eating remains a central thread of all forms of Judaism. The purpose of our kosher policy is threefold: a) to educate and engage our students in the practices of kashrut in the hopes that they will make informed choices about their eating practices beyond the walls of Rodeph Sholom; b) to create a community standard of practice that encourages eating as a shared, intentioned action, so that meals reinforce the values and culture of Rodeph Sholom; c) to maintain a benchmark that feels welcome to a wide range of Jewish pathways and allows all students to feel comfortable eating at Rodeph Sholom School while keeping our students open to diversity in Jewish practice.

Within Rodeph Sholom School and at Rodeph Sholom-sponsored events:

- No biblically prohibited foods (e.g., no pork or shellfish) will be served.
- If meat is served, it will be kosher meat.
- Dairy and meat will not be served together in the same meal.
- Within Rodeph Sholom School, the food service manager keeps the preparation of dairy and meat separate.

Field Trips

When students leave Rodeph Sholom School on field trips, efforts will be made to maintain the above policies. To enable Rodeph Sholom School students to engage in experiences beyond Jewish domains, there will often be times when they will not be eating in a kosher environment. For any families for whom this is an issue, parents can arrange with the Division Head for packaged meals from home to be sent with their child(ren). For Early Childhood and Elementary Division students, teachers will ensure intentional choice is put into food selection on field trips to maintain our kashrut policies as best as possible. For Middle School students, teachers will educate students about making intentional choices regarding eating and empower students to be thoughtful about their dietary practices.

Non-Rodeph Sholom-sponsored events

For non-Rodeph Sholom-sponsored events, such as birthday parties and social gatherings, we ask parents to make thoughtful dietary choices that will be sensitive to the wide range of needs and practices within our Rodeph Sholom School community.