BETH JACOB CONGREGATION • COLUMBUS, OHIO

Rental Fee Policy

Approved by the Board of Directors — November 12, 2026

1. Room Rental (Weekday)

- **Half of the Social Hall — $200** (per 3-hour booking)
- **Full Social Hall — $400** (per 3-hour booking)
- **Refundable security deposit — $200.** Everyone who rents the shul signs a contract and puts down the refundable deposit, returned if nothing is damaged.
- **Security — $75 per hour, 3-hour minimum ($225 minimum).** Security is required for any event with more than 100 people. There is no security charge for Shabbat events — the shul already has security on Shabbat — unless security needs to stay past 1:00 PM; extra time is charged at $75 per hour.
- **Cleaning — $75 per event.** One flat fee for each use of the room, no matter the time of day or the size of the event. No double charges.

2. Enhancing the Shabbat Kiddush

Enhancing the regular community Kiddush is free — anyone may enhance the basic Kiddush as they wish, with no room charge. If the Kiddush grows with extra guests, a room rental applies:

- **Small — up to 200 people: no charge** (deposit, cleaning, and security where required only)
- **Medium — 200 to 300 people: $300 room rental**, plus the refundable deposit, cleaning, and security where required
- **Large — over 300 people: $500 room rental**, plus the refundable deposit, cleaning, and security where required

The trigger is the number of people, not the occasion — a birthday, a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, or family in town all count the same. Adding more food for the same number of people does not trigger a tier.

3. Hosting a Simcha on Shabbat

If the simcha is part of the regular community Kiddush and extra guests push it over 200 people, the room rental in Section 2 applies. A private simcha held separately from the regular community Kiddush — for example a private Kiddush, Shalosh Seudos, or simcha — always pays the room rental, even with fewer than 200 people: half of the Social Hall $200, full Social Hall $400 (per 3-hour booking), plus the refundable deposit and cleaning. (A private simcha cannot displace the Shabbat community Kiddush or Shalosh Seudos — a little space must always be left for our regulars.)

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4. Kitchen Rental

Any caterer using the kitchen must rent it for the day — the kitchen, its equipment, and everything in it.

A mashgiach may be required at the shul's discretion, at the caterer's expense.

- **Kitchen use during the event, up to 200 people — $75 rental, plus $75 cleaning** (weekdays and Shabbat)
- **Kitchen use during the event, over 200 people (large kiddushes and simchas) — $150 rental, plus $75 cleaning**

Kitchen rental fees (from Square)	Fee
Dairy Kitchen (2–6 hrs, $50 per added hour)	$150–$350, plus $75 cleaning
Meat Kitchen (2–6 hrs, $50 per added hour)	$200–$400, plus $75 cleaning
Self Catering — Dairy Side (6 hrs)	$150, plus $75 cleaning
Self Catering — Meat Side (6 hrs)	$200, plus $75 cleaning
Volunteer Dairy / Meat Kitchen (up to 4 hrs)	Free

For kitchen rentals longer than 6 hours, each additional hour is $50.

If it is just trays dropped off, no kitchen charge is added.

Self-catering is subject to approval. Please contact the administration before booking. The Vaad needs to be contacted for your event.

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5. The Caterer Percentage Is Removed

The percentage charged on catering bills has been removed completely. No percentage is charged on any catering bill.

Fees at a Glance

Item	Fee
Half Social Hall (weekday, 3 hrs)	$200
Full Social Hall (weekday, 3 hrs)	$400
Refundable security deposit	$200
Security (required over 100 people)	$75 / hr, 3-hr min.
Cleaning (per event)	$75
Shabbat Kiddush — up to 200 people	No room charge
Shabbat room rental — 200 to 300 people	$300
Shabbat room rental — over 300 people	$500
Kitchen — during the event, up to 200 people	$75 + $75 cleaning
Kitchen — during the event, over 200 people	$150 + $75 cleaning
Dairy Kitchen (Square, 2–6 hrs)	$150–$350, plus $75 cleaning
Meat Kitchen (Square, 2–6 hrs)	$200–$400, plus $75 cleaning
Self Catering — Dairy Side (6 hrs)	$150, plus $75 cleaning
Self Catering — Meat Side (6 hrs)	$200, plus $75 cleaning
Volunteer Dairy / Meat Kitchen (up to 4 hrs)	Free