

Planning a Seudat Mitzvah at CBE

Mazel tov on your upcoming event! As you know, families celebrating a simcha during a congregational service are required to provide a seudat mitzvah for the congregation. We offer a variety of options to help you get started on creating a lovely seudat mitzvah that works for you!

A few things to keep in mind as your date approaches:

- You will be contacted approximately 6-8 weeks before your event, but are welcome to start earlier if you would like.
- Please check out our menus on the CBE website (<https://bethemeth.org/bnai-mitzvah-planning-guide#seuda>) and remember, these are only a starting point! If there is something you would like but don't see listed, let us know.
- Many special dietary needs such as gluten sensitivity and food allergies can be accommodated with advance notice.
- Please include 50 regular service attendees to your guest count when planning your event. This will allow us to make sure we prepare enough for everyone.
- Centerpieces (and anything else you will need the day of your event) must be brought in before 12 Noon on the Friday preceding your Saturday event, **and cannot be taken out of the building until Shabbat ends**. Please pick these up as soon as possible the following week.
- No food items may be used in centerpieces without prior approval.

Additionally, our facilities are perfectly suited for your Friday night Shabbat dinner and your reception! Please consider CBE when planning your event.

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