



Temple Rodef Shalom

## RENTAL INFORMATION BOOKLET



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*The culture of Temple Rodef Shalom is to celebrate simchas in a tasteful, thoughtful way. We envision that celebrations in our synagogue will be held in the spirit of the meaningful life cycle events that they are. Events held in our sacred space should be appropriate to and respectful of those surroundings. More elaborate, extravagant events are better suited to a more secular environment.*

## **TEMPLE RODEF SHALOM** **FACILITY RENTAL POLICY STATEMENT**

### **A. Temple Sponsored Events**

Temple Rodef Shalom ("Temple") has the exclusive right to reserve any space at any time for religious, community, social, or fundraising events. An events calendar is maintained by the Temple as far in advance as possible, including events related to the Temple, Religious School, Nursery School, Temple-sponsored organizations (Men and Women of TRS, Youth Groups), and appointed or constitutionally required committees.

### **B. Use of Social Hall and Lobby Spaces by Bar/Bat Mitzvah Families**

Reservation requests will not be accepted prior to the official Temple notification of Bar/Bat Mitzvah dates. All reservations will be accepted on a "first come/first served" basis using the Room Rental Reservation Request form posted on the TRS website. Additional considerations also factor in:

- Families may not reserve more than one room at the Temple until the partner family has declined use of the facilities (with the exception of a Friday Shabbat dinner).
- In a weekend with both a Shacharit (morning) and Mincha (afternoon) service, the morning family may not reserve a room for an evening event until the Mincha families have declined use of the facilities for an evening event following their service.
- Evening Reception rentals are especially challenging. Planning an elaborate reception with multiple vendors will not work within the limited time frame, 5pm-12midnight. Early and late overtime for set-up and break-down is not available for evening Receptions.

### **B. Use of Temple spaces by Non-Member or Community groups**

Use of the facility will be at the discretion of the Executive Director and subject to the approval of the President of the Temple, after consultation with the Senior Rabbi, and be subject to the current Temple rental terms and conditions. Reservation requests from outside public or community groups will be accepted up to twelve (12) months in advance of an event date. No Outside Public/Community Usage reservation will be accepted earlier than twelve (12) months before an event date unless authorized on a case-by-case basis by the Temple Executive Board.

### **C. Confirmation of Reservation**

Upon confirmation by the Temple of the available date, reservations will be confirmed and placed on the calendar once the damage deposit, a deposit equal to fifty (50%) of the rental fee, and a completed and signed rental agreement have been received. The remaining balance is due to the Temple no later than thirty (30) days prior to the event. In the event the advance deposit, damage protection deposit, or other fees are not paid, the Temple may, at its sole discretion, cancel the reservation.

### **D. Rental Fees, Deposit, Security and Other Service Fees**

The Temple will charge Rental Fees, Damage Deposit, Security and Other Fees in accordance with the attached Schedule "A." All fees and deposits are subject to approval by the Temple Board of Directors.

### **Damage Protection Deposit**

There will be a refundable damage deposit in accordance with Schedule "A". Refunds are subject to a damage inspection as determined by the Temple. **Major damage repair of the building or replacement of damaged items or equipment beyond the damage deposit amount will be the sole responsibility of the Congregant renting the space.**

### **E. Cancellation and Refunds**

Cancellation of booking at any time after confirmation of reservation has been issued may result in full or partial forfeiture of the advance deposit. All requests must be in writing and mailed or emailed to the Temple. The following refund schedule will apply:

- If cancellation occurs more than thirteen (13) months prior to the scheduled event date, a full refund of the advanced deposit will be issued, less a processing charge of \$25.
- If cancellation occurs between twelve (12) and three (3) months, prior to the scheduled event date, a 50% refund of the advanced deposit will be issued, less a processing charge of \$25.
- If cancellation occurs less than three (3) months of event date, no refund will be issues.

## **REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF BUILDING FACILITIES**

In endeavoring to serve both Congregational needs and community organizations that desire to use the facilities of the Temple for their functions, the Board of Directors has set forth the following regulations in order to efficiently operate its building, to protect Temple property, to conform with federal, state and county safety regulations and codes and to avoid conflict with its own activities and programs.

### **Facility Rental Policies**

- Only (1) members of TRS and (2) those other organizations whose purposes are of communal, philanthropic, or non-profit nature as approved by TRS Executive Board shall be eligible for use of Temple facilities.
- Anyone using the facilities is required to comply with **the Temple Rodef Shalom Facility Rental Policy Statement**.
- No function can have a greater number of participants than approved under the fire regulations of the County or that constitutes a danger. (Social Hall = 731, Wings = 144, Sanctuary = 360). **Please note this is not seating capacity.**
- Smoking - the Temple is a smoke free building.

### **Sanctuary Use and Clergy Participation**

- Use of the sanctuary for any occasion by a congregant, non-member or outside organization must be approved by the Senior Rabbi or a designate prior to submission of the request.
- Outside Clergy - The participation of an outside Rabbi, Cantor or clergy person in any capacity must have the approval of the Senior Rabbi or a designate prior to submission of the request.
- Funerals - Funerals may be held in the sanctuary for members of the Congregation and their immediate families (including parents, children and spouse). Funeral services may be videotaped at the request of the family.
- Weddings - Weddings conducted by the Temple's Clergy may be held in the sanctuary for members of the Congregation and their immediate families. Wedding ceremonies may be videotaped at the request of the family.

### **Music and Noise Violations**

- Timing - For evening rentals, all music *must* stop by 11:00PM.
- Music and DJ Speaking Volume – Music is only permitted inside the Social Hall, and never on the terraces. Terrace doors must remain closed while music is playing in the Social Hall. The music volume must be kept below 85 decibels during the entire function. There is a decibel reader on the rear wall of the Social Hall and is monitored by security.
- Noise Violations - Our onsite security will inform the DJ and/or signatory of any violations. After two (2) warnings to the DJ and/or signatory, the police will be called. A noise violation of \$500 will be charged and deducted from the damage deposit.
- Music, Orchestras and/or Instrumentalists - Contract music vendor or musicians who play under contract or other arrangements are also bound by the terms of this regulation. Responsibility for enforcement of the terms of this agreement resides with the signatory.

**Any issues with respect to the noise ordinance are the full responsibility of the signatory of the rental agreement.** Please review the noise ordinance below carefully: if neighbors hear noise from within their homes and contact the police, the signatory is in violation of the Fairfax County noise ordinance and will be fined and likely charged with a misdemeanor offense.

#### **AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE CERTAIN EXCESSIVE SOUND GENERATION IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS AND DWELLINGS**

**Adopted Noise Ordinance 29-15-108.1 (Chapter 108.1 of Code of County of Fairfax)**

**(j) Unless otherwise excepted by this Chapter, any person, motor vehicle or instrument that permits, operates, or causes any source of sound or sound generation to create a sound that is plainly audible in any other person's residential dwelling with the doors and windows closed:**

**(1) Between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. on Fridays, Saturdays, and the day before a Federal holiday.**

### **Alcoholic Beverages**

- Alcoholic beverages may be served ONLY as part of a meal or function. Any and all government permits, rules, regulations and laws that pertain to the use of alcoholic beverages within TRS are the sole responsibility of the signatory. Under no circumstances can alcohol be served to minors.
- Signatory must ensure that efforts are made to encourage individuals who have consumed alcohol to participate in a safe transportation program including, but not limited to, designated drivers. Safe transportation programs should include such options as designated drivers, serving of non-alcoholic drinks to designated drivers, taxi services, or calls to police if an intoxicated participant insists on driving home.

### **Kitchen Usage**

- Arrangements for the use of the kitchen may be subject to the sharing of the facility, if other Congregational activities are taking place at the same time. The Congregation does not provide any catering service. All food services will be under the control of the signatory. **There is no kitchen access for events in the School Lobby.**

### **Food**

- Shellfish or pork products of any type may not be prepared or served on the premises of TRS. During Passover, no leavened or other prohibited foods may be served.

**Caterer – A fully licensed caterer is required for ALL private events.**

- The contracted caterer must provide all labor associated with setup, serving, clearing, cleanup, trash removal, and dish washing.
- At least one (1) week prior to the event, the caterer must provide an inventory list of what they will be using from the Temple including the complete number of tables, specifying type and size, total number of chairs, and any other equipment that they will be using from the Temple. (Please see “Rental Details” page for a detailed inventory of what the Temple can provide).
- This set-up list should be emailed to Laura Rosh at [lrosh@templerodefshalom.org](mailto:lrosh@templerodefshalom.org). **The Temple will provide the requested items, but the caterer must set-up and tear-down these items.**
- The kitchen must be left in a clean and orderly condition. Temple staff will complete a facility use checkout form with the caterers prior to the caterer's leaving the premises.
- Major repair of the kitchen or replacement of damaged items or kitchen equipment beyond the damage deposit amount will be the **sole responsibility of the Congregant renting the space.**
- The Congregant renting the space will be responsible for any missing or damaged equipment. The signatory and contracted caterer will be responsible for adhering to the *Temple Rodef Shalom Procedures for Using Kitchen*.
- Caterers must have a current certificate of adequate liability insurance on file at the Temple. The caterer must comply with the rules of the Temple.

**Facility Restrictions**

- All exit doors must be left free and unobstructed. No tables, decorations or plants shall be placed in front of any door or exit.
- Stage pieces and outside lighting equipment are not permitted without the prior approval of the Executive Director. **If access to the lighting panel is needed, the signatory will bear the cost of the Temple electrician's hourly rate for his services.**
- No decorations may be used which require pasting or fastening on or to walls or doors, floors or ceiling by any means such as cellophane, duct or masking tapes, stickers, tacks, sticky novelty items, etc. Draping of windows is not permitted. No displays may be arranged without obtaining the approval of the Executive Director.
- All room shades must be lowered for evening events.
- Under **no** circumstances may furniture, decorative objects, or any items from other areas of the Temple be moved to the rental area for use during private functions.
- Lit candles are permitted only when enclosed in glass votives or hurricanes. No lighted candles are permitted as a wedding decoration in the Sanctuary.
- Permission to bring in special equipment for any function must be arranged through the Temple office and such equipment must be removed immediately after the function. Wine, bottled beverages, and nonperishable items such as favors may be delivered the Friday before the event between 10am and 2pm and put in storage for the next day's use. All boxes must be marked with the last name of the congregant. There is no access to refrigerator or freezer space until the rental period begins. When the rental period begins, there will be limited refrigerator and freezer space. Items already stored in the refrigerator and freezer may not be moved. Nothing may be left on Temple property after the rental period ends.
- In order to prevent injury or undue cost to the Temple, no rice, confetti, sparkles, glitter, Mylar pieces, sand, unwrapped candy, powder, sticky novelty items, or any other substance on floors are permitted anywhere on the premises. **Rose petals can be thrown outside** after a wedding.
- No equipment of the Congregation is to be removed from the building at any time.
- The signatory must ensure that all patrons behave in a safe and responsible manner.
- Guests will not be allowed to roam freely outside the rented area.

- **The premises must be vacated by midnight.** Overtime is not permitted for evening receptions. Should overtime following an evening reception occur, the signatory will be charged \$450 per hour. All music **must** stop by 11 PM – no exceptions.

#### **Other Considerations**

- **Applicant is expected to be a member in good standing at the time of booking the reservation and remain current in all financial obligations to the Temple including timely payment of membership contributions, Religious School tuition and B'nai Mitzvah fees, in addition to paying all rental fees within the prescribed time frames.**
- Applicant is expected to comply with Temple Rodef Shalom's policies, rules and regulations.
- Applicant is expected to maintain proper decorum and to assure a reasonable standard of behavior is maintained by all persons and organizations using the Temple's premises while in or about the building or its adjacent areas.
- Applicant is expected to comply with any and all county ordinances or state law in or about the premises.
- Applicant may not sub-let or rent the premises or any part thereof or assign this application and agreement without the expressed written consent of the Temple.
- Applicant will be fully responsible for any and all damages to Temple property caused by applicant or applicant's guests or agents during the function or preparation or cleanup thereto.
- Applicant agrees that the Temple assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to personal property brought upon the premises, including motor vehicles, and that such personal property brought or left on the premises shall be at the owner's risk. Any personal property brought upon the premises will be removed within three (3) days after the use of the Temple facilities.

**Schedule "A"**  
**Temple Rodef Shalom Facility Rental and Fee Schedule**  
Rental rates and fees are subject to change as necessary.  
**A full-service caterer is required for all events.**

Rental rates include setup and breakdown time. Included with your rental are: tables and basic, black folding chairs. Available at an additional cost, are: china, flatware, glassware, and A/V equipment. Rates are based primarily on the space being requested but may vary based on the type of event being hosted.

**ROOM RENTAL RATES**

<u>Room</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Social Hall	Includes Grand Hall from restrooms to Social Hall Terrace and main kitchen access; Capacity: 220 seated	\$1,500 Luncheon \$1,800 Evening event
Small Sanctuary Foyer	Includes access to Small Sanctuary Terrace, family room, and small kitchen; Capacity: 50 seated; 75 cocktails	\$1,000
School Lobby	No kitchen access and no music; Capacity: 60 seated, 80 cocktails	\$500
MPR	No Kitchen access; Capacity: 60 seated, 80 cocktails	\$500
Sanctuary Wing (North or South)	Includes access to the Adult Lounge and hallway for setup purposes. Capacity: 40 seated, 50 cocktails	\$400

**EVENT TYPES AND DETAILS**

<u>Event</u>	<u>Length of Event</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Saturday Evening event with music (Social Hall)	7 hours total (5pm – midnight)	Guests must leave by 11 pm to ensure time for breakdown and cleaning. Decibel reader must not exceed 85 dB for duration of event. Window shades must be lowered for all evening events.
Luncheon with music (Social Hall)	7 hours total time (10am – 5pm)	Guests must leave by 4 pm to ensure time for breakdown and cleaning. Decibel reader must not exceed 85 dB for duration of event.
Kiddush	5 hours total time (10am – 3pm)	Kitchen access only in Social Hall or Small Sanctuary Foyer; no music
Mourner's Meal	4 hours total time	Kitchen access only in Social Hall or Small Sanctuary Foyer; no music
Bris or Baby Naming	4 hours total time	Kitchen access only in Social Hall or Small Sanctuary Foyer; no music
Shabbat dinner	3 hours total time (4pm – 7pm OR 5pm – 8pm)	Kitchen access only in Small Sanctuary Foyer; no music

**Room Damage Protection Deposit:**

This deposit is fully refundable upon completion of a facility use checkout form by Temple staff

- Social Hall and Small Sanctuary Lobby - \$1,000
- Sanctuary Wing, School Lobby, MPR - \$500

**Processing Charge:** Processing Charge for Cancellation and Refunds - \$25

**Additional Facility Usage Fees:**

Scheduled Facility Usage Overtime (may be available prior to event start time): \$150 per hour

Unscheduled Facility Usage Overtime: \$400 per hour, billed in 15-minute increments

Facility Usage Overtime after 12midnight: \$500 per hour, billed in 15-minute increments

- **Please note- overtime is not permitted for evening receptions; this charge will be applied to events that do not adhere to the agreed upon timeframe.**

Noise Violation (over 85 dB): \$500

**Rental Details**

<b><u>Room</u></b>	<b><u>Dimensions</u></b>	<b><u>Seating Capacity</u></b>
Social Hall	56' x 89'; 21' high	220 seated
Main Sanctuary Wings	30' x 32'	40 seated; 50 cocktails
Grand Hall	13' x 106' (useable space)	
Grand Foyer	24' x 68'	
School Lobby	35' x 54'	60 seated; 80 cocktails
Multi-Purpose Room	51' x 54'	60 seated; 80 cocktails
Social Hall Terrace	14' x 39'	
Small Sanctuary		50 seated; 50 cocktails
Small Sanctuary Foyer		50 seated; 75 cocktails
Small Sanctuary Terrace		
Elevator	3'x7' (use pads for delivery)	

**Additional items available for use**

<b><u>Tables available for use</u></b>	<b><u>Additional items available for use</u></b>
4' rectangle = 4	Chairs = 1,000
6' rectangle = 9	Hand-held Microphone
4' square card table = 6	Easels (per availability)
4' round = 6 (seats 6)	Piano (Grand in Social Hall)
5' round= 27 (seats 8-10)	2 Stationary chairs with arms for lifting
6' round = 8 (seats 12)	Lattice wall dividers= 10 (2'x8')
8' rectangle = 30	

Projector and screen (\$125 usage fee). An appointment to learn how to use the equipment is required. Please note that the Temple no longer rents stage pieces.

**Under *no* circumstances may Temple furniture be moved at any time. Decorative objects or any other Temple items cannot be moved to the rental area for use during private functions.**



**TEMPLE RODEF SHALOM**  
**Women of TRS**

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Mazel Tov on your upcoming simcha!

As you consider using the Temple Social Hall for your upcoming event, we wanted to let you know that Sisterhood owns Royal Doulton china as well as glassware and flatware that may be used for your party. We work directly with your caterer, rent to them and use the income annually as part of our donations to the temple and other worthwhile charities both in the community and in the Reform movement.

If you are interested in investigating this option, please contact one of the Sisterhood co-chairs or talk to your caterer.

Sincerely, on behalf of Temple Rodef Shalom Sisterhood

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