



## SOLOMON SCHECHTER PEANUT/TREE NUT ALLERGY POLICY

Solomon Schechter is a school that prides itself on not only providing all students with the best education, but also ensuring their well being and safety. Due to the fact that some of our students suffer with peanut/tree nut allergies we have designated our school as a NUT AWARE school. We are asking all families not to send their children to school with lunches or snacks containing nuts or peanuts or have been prepared with nuts or peanuts. Our aim is to eliminate those foods that can cause allergic reactions in children. While we cannot guarantee a nut-free environment, we want to do all we can to make our school a safe place for those children with nut or peanut allergies.

Exposure to any food containing peanuts/peanut products and nuts or traces of nuts can result in the need for emergency medical treatment. Even being touched by someone who has eaten peanut butter, peanuts, or nuts can cause a reaction. The teachers and the school nurse are aware of children who have nut or peanut allergies, as well as other allergies (soy, milk, fish, eggs, etc.) and have been instructed on the proper procedures if a child has an allergic reaction. Prevention, of course is the best approach to reducing the risk of a severe reaction. We therefore ask parents to adhere to the following:

- Please do not send any foods containing nuts or peanuts, such as peanut butter, Nutella sandwiches or health/energy bars, or granola bars with nuts to school with your child.
- Please always contact the classroom teachers before sending any food for sharing with the class for special celebrations such as Kabbalat Shabbat or birthdays. All food brought to school for a special event must be kosher and purchased in stores, commercially prepared and contain complete ingredients list. Home baked or home prepared foods are not allowed.
- All celebration foods must be shown to Miriam, the school nurse, so that it can be checked for compliance with our NUT AWARE policy.
- Please read all labels on packaged food to make sure it does not contain nuts, peanuts, traces of nuts or nut products and is not manufactured in a facility that processes nuts or peanuts.
- Please remind your children to wash their hands and face thoroughly before they leave home, especially if they have eaten nuts or peanuts or food containing nuts or peanuts prior to coming to school.

We trust that you understand how deeply important it is to respect and adhere to these guidelines. We realize that our NUT AWARE policy is an inconvenience and may require added planning and effort on your part. However, the overall health of our children takes priority. We wish to express our sincere appreciation in advance for your support and cooperation.