

Memo for the Record
Shir Hadash Men's Club Purim Carnival Support
Date of event: 16 March 2025

1. Men's Club commits yearly to support food cooking and distribution for the Shir Hadash Purim Carnival celebration. Event was held in-doors in the Oneg Room and main Sanctuary because of the potential for rain. Following summarizes this activity.
 - a. We purchased all food and needed supplies for this event and were reimbursed for the purchases by Shir Hadash. Attachment 1 is a summary of our purchases.
 - b. We were also asked to support the popcorn machine (cooking and distribution) and a cotton candy machine. We had 1 person assigned to the popcorn machine (Steve Siegel) and 2 people assigned to the cotton candy machine (Bernard Gutnick and his son Cary). Bob Steinfeld did the cooking and Jack Friedman and Howard Taub did wrapping of hot dogs and Impossible burgers. We had one shift with volunteers arriving at 11-11:15AM and leaving around 230PM.
 - c. All table set up was done by Diego – we had plenty of table space. All cooking was done in the kitchen on the grill and stove top (hot dogs were boiled).
 - d. All signage was provided by SH (thank you Kristin).
 - e. We had 4 people distributing food: Rusty Gralnik collected all tickets, Kevin Pringle and David Sperber distributed all food. We had sufficient staff for the job.
 - f. Ticket costs (\$1 per ticket) are set by Shir Hadash. 10 tickets for the meal (hot dog or Impossible burger (IPB), chips, tangerines (2) and juice, soda or water. Water was also available for free from a Shir Hadash carafe. Popcorn was 2 tickets and Cotton Candy was 2 tickets. No one complained about the cost of a meal – everyone understood that this event is a fundraiser for the Kulanu Religious School.
 - i. Our staff arrive at 11AM for a 12PM start distributing food. We did have several people pestering us for food starting around 1145AM and accommodated where we had a hot dog or burger ready. These were all volunteer workers wanting to eat something before their shift started.
 - ii. We collected 1358 tickets or the equivalent of 136 meals for attendees. Probably somewhat less considering this number also includes sales of popcorn and cotton candy.
 - iii. We purchased 168 hot dogs and 32 IPBs with a like number of buns. SH purchased lettuce if anyone wanted to make a wrap. We ran out of IPBs and bought 24 more (and buns) and used only 8 of the additional 24 purchased. We had 30 unused hot dogs. All unused hot dogs, buns and IPBs were frozen and will be used later

by SH. We had water (3 cases), soda (1 mixed case) left over. MC purchased condiments (ketchup, relish and mustard) and 3 bags of ice for coolers the morning of the event.

- iv. SH provided metal wrapping foil for the hot dogs and IPBs and plates, napkins and spray for the grill top.
- v. All popcorn and cotton candy supplies were provided by SH.
- vi. The only real excess purchases was 3+ cases of water. We gave out almost none of the water bottles.
- vii. We were asked to just take the popcorn out of the machine but the owner stated that he would clean the unit. We did thoroughly clean the cotton candy machine.

2. Event was completed around 2:30PM.

Attachments

- 1. Rachel Wilson Table Questionnaire
- 2. MC Purim Carnival Shopping List

Attachment 1
Rachel Wilson Table Questionnaire

1. Volunteer Schedule: no issues. Tables were ready when we arrived. We moved what needed to be moved for set up. We had to secure a lower table for the cotton candy machine – but one was found that worked.
2. Information for booth. We had good signage so there was not questioning about food costs. We have our own collection box since nothing provided by SH is usually big enough for the tickets we collect.
3. Set Up Questions:
 - a1. Was the set up info and parts provided properly?
Response: Yes we had 4 food tables. One for the pop corn and ticket collection – 2 more for food placement and distribution and 1 for the cotton candy machine. We bring our own hot trays and extension cords to keep hot dogs and burgers warm for our guests. Bob Steinfeld brings his own cooling pots.
 - a2. Was anything missing? How did you work around it?
Response: Nothing was missing.
 - b. Any special set up instructions we should include for next time?
Response: No. Other than popcorn machine and cotton candy machine training we typically bring any special items we need (like hot trays and extension cords).
4. After Carnival Questions:
 - a. How many tickets did you collect?
Response: 1358 tickets collected mostly meals but some popcorn and cotton candy. We did not separate out the popcorn and cotton candy purchases.
 - b. Prize tickets?
Response: not applicable for the food booth. All unused food was left at SH for future use. Billing was done by Jack Friedman to Rachel Wilson for reimbursement to Bob Steinfeld and Jack Friedman.
 - c. Line distances OK?
Response: line distances seemed to be Ok. At peak time did have a short line wait and we did fall behind on cooking the IPBs but caught up quickly. We made no individual adjustments. We did put the lettuce on the front tables to just let people take their own lettuce. SH purchased way too much of the wrap lettuce.
 - d. Question is not applicable to the food booth.
 - e. Suggestions for next year.
Response: We were pretty close on our food purchases. Our expenses were around \$400 and collected around \$1350 so we made a decent amount of money. Assuming Men's Club does this next year, we will continue to work with Rachel Wilson or whomever is leading the Purim Carnival to determine food requirements.
 - f. Did you run out of anything:

Response: we needed to buy additional Impossible Burgers. We asked for 16 and the person who purchased the additional burgers bought 24. We needed on 8 additional burgers and buns. So we had some left over.

g. What is left over?

Response: anything left over was put in the freezer or left in the kitchen for use by SH at the family camp event later this month or in early April.

Attachment 2
2025 Purim Carnival Shopping List

Note: primary shopping will be done at a Business COSTCO. Chips will be purchased at a local Smart and Final store if needed. We will be buying regular buns and not specialized gluten free buns. Lettuce will be provided as an alternative to a bread bun. Shir Hadash has agreed to purchase the lettuce. One 30 cup regular coffee pot will be made for volunteers only with coffee provided by Shir Hadash. We are asked to provide water in the 16 oz bottle size. There will also be a carafe of water which will be kept full. Cost for Hot Dogs and Impossible burgers is about the same per unit. We always have left over hot dogs and veggie burgers. Our recommended numbers reflect the desire to have a sufficient number of hot dogs and burgers and minimize waste.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Recommended Amount to Purchase</u> <u>Past experience</u>
1. Hebrew National 12 oz all beef hot dogs (packages of 28)	168
2. Hot Dog buns	Like amount as hot dogs
3. Impossible Burgers (packages of 10)	30
4. Hamburger buns	Like amount as burgers
5. Packages of lettuce (Lettuce purchased by Shir Hadash)	TBD
6. Chips (4 boxes of 50 chips/box)	150
7. Water (12 oz bottles) (3 cases of 32/case)	96
8. Juice Boxes (3 cases of 40/case)	120
9. Mini oranges	4 bags
10. Condiments (ketchup/mustard/relish) 3 pack variety)	2 packs
11. Soda	
a. Coke (1 flat of 35 cans)	35
b. Diet Coke (1 flat of 35 cans)	35
c. Sprite or 7 Up (1 flat of 35 cans)	35