

***B'YACHAD* NUT-FREE POLICY**



Dear Parents,

There are children in school this year with life-threatening food allergies to nuts (peanuts, tree nuts, etc.). This means that any accidental ingestion of these foods - even very small amounts left on desks, books, writing utensils, hands - would likely cause a severe allergic reaction for these students. To that end, we are not offering snacks that are processed with nuts in our Wednesday snack cart.

In the Talmud, we are instructed not to leave a stumbling block in front of a blind person. Hidden remnants of these allergens in foods, on desks, hands, etc. are like a stumbling block for people with life-threatening food allergies. Helping to keep these students safe and secure by reducing their risk during *B'Yachad* is a wonderful way of fulfilling the mitzvah of being responsible for one another.

Please help by **NOT sending snacks that contain nuts or peanuts or are processed with nuts/nut products to school with your child.** In addition, if your child has had contact with nut products prior to entering *B'Yachad*, explain that they must wash their hands thoroughly before entering their classroom.

Thank you so much for your understanding and cooperation.

Board of Education
B'Yachad