

Kosher Chili Cookoff Official Rules and Regulations

Date: Sunday, November 21, 2010, 2:00 to 8:00 pm.

Who: A team can have a maximum of 4 people. More assistants can come to help but they will have to pay the admission fee.

Where: The JCC in Creve Coeur (Staenberg Family Complex), 2 Millstone Campus Drive, St. Louis, MO 63146

Sponsor: Nusach Hari B'nai Zion ("The Shul" or "NHBZ")

What We Provide: The Shul will provide cups, spoons, the skillets, crockpot(s), cutting boards and cooking utensils. Each registered team member will receive an official Chili Cookoff Participant's Collectible. We also provide one table (with tablecovering) and chairs. Only one table and four chairs per team.

Cost: \$50 entry fee for either Meat Chili or Veggie Chili. Add just \$25 to the fee if entering both Meat and Veggie Chili.

Ingredients and Kashrut Supervision: All food must be kosher (meat or pareve) and is under the kashrut supervision of Rabbi Ze'ev Smason or his designee. (The Rabbi, of course, will maintain confidentiality concerning your secret kosher ingredients) His word is final, no beans about it.

NHBZ will order ALL meat from an outside kosher vendor, in amounts and variety requested on the Entry Form. Entrants will receive and pay for their meat order at the start of the contest. All other ingredients (including spices) will have to be approved by the Rabbi or his designee. *CHECK-IN TIME IS BETWEEN 2 and 2:30 pm. If you are late, you may use only water!*

Before any team can start with their cooking, all ingredients are placed un-opened on their table for official inspection. All ingredients must be new and unopened. No other foods, sandwiches, or snacks for personal consumption are permitted in the team's area. Once a team gets an OK, the cooking may begin. We suggest planning to make enough chili to fill the Shul provided 6 quart crock pot. Meat may be browned in the Shul provided skillets as soon as it is checked in.

****Special Spice Pool:** For an additional \$5 fee, a team may use any and as much of the spices that are in the Shul's Spice Bank. Participation in the Spice Bank may make it unnecessary for your team to purchase most, if not all, of your own spices. Spices in the Bank currently include Chili Powder (of course), Salt, Black Pepper, Granulated Garlic, Onion Powder, Cumin, Sugar and Cinnamon. You may make additional requests for additional spices, and the Shul may, at its sole discretion, meet any such request.

Judging: There will be one "People's Choice" award, plus Judges' awards for Best Meat, Best Vegetarian, and Best Youth Division Chili. An award may also be given for best team costumes/table decorations, and any other wacky contest we want to come up with. We will have a panel of semi-distinguished judges who will make all awards. Judging will be by a blind taste test, and the majority decision of the judges who live through the ordeal is final.

General Note: All participants should keep in mind that this is a family event that is intended to be welcoming to a diverse group. NHBZ reserves its right, at its sole discretion, to prohibit or otherwise restrict any activity, decoration, or material.

Please print out this form and mail with your check to:

Nusach Hari B'nai Zion,
Attention: Chili Cook-off, 8630 Olive Blvd, University City, MO 63132

Entry fees are non-refundable

We suggest that you submit your entry by November 12. Spaces are limited and entries are accepted on a first come basis. Call the Shul for availability after November 12.

PLEASE SIGN ME UP! I KNOW I'VE GOT THE BEST CHILI. MY TEAM IS BOTH FIRED UP AND CHILLIN'!

Name of team: _____

Team Captain: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____

MUST have an email of one team member: _____

We're making: Meat Chili _____ Veggie Chili _____ Both _____

Request is made that the Shul make the following kosher meat purchase:

_____ pounds of _____, and (list any other meat requirements, if any) _____

We ____ will or ____ will not participate in the Shul's Spice Bank (for an additional \$5)

The ordered meat will be available the day of the contest at the JCC. Each team is responsible for the cost of its own meat purchase.

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Entry Fees must accompany this Entry Form.

SPACE IS LIMITED, PLEASE REGISTER YOUR TEAM EARLY!!!! Don't be left holding the beans. Early birds get to pick their favorite spot.