

Peanut/Tree Nut Aware Policy

As many of you know, food allergies are a major problem in this country. They claim over 200 lives and cause over 30,000 emergency room visits each year, nationwide. As health and safety have always been a top priority for us at Beth Sholom Early Childhood Center, we have a food safe policy in place.

Beth Sholom ECC is a Peanut /Tree Nut Aware School. This means that **NO products containing peanuts or tree nuts** will be allowed in the school building. We know that this may be inconvenient to some, but we trust that you understand how serious this is. We all want students at our school to be safe. Please do everything you can to follow the important steps listed below.

1. Do not send any food items to be eaten for lunch or snack in our school with ingredient labels indicating they contain **peanuts or tree nuts** (*including the following nuts: almonds, Brazil nuts, cashews, hazelnuts, macadamia, pecans, pine nuts, pistachios & walnuts*).
2. Parties are a special time for children, but can be difficult for the food-allergic child. When purchasing baked goods, please be careful about the ingredients. Many local stores carry nut free baked goods.
3. If your child's class has any other allergy restrictions, we will let you know before school begins.

For additional information on food allergies, see Food Allergy Resources at www.thriveri.org/peanuts