



B'nei Mitzvah Photography Guidelines

B'nei Mitzvah families may bring in a photographer to have pictures taken in the Sanctuary in conjunction with a hybrid B'nei Mitzvah Services. Please contact the Administrative Assistant for your assigned officiating Rabbi to schedule your photography session. These guidelines are intended to facilitate a safe and smooth process.

- Families and photographers must comply with the Temple's COVID-19 Safety Guidelines which include proof of vaccination or a negative PCR test in the past 72 hours:
 - Wear face masks at all times, except when being photographed
 - Practicing frequent handwashing and hand sanitizing
- The Sanctuary can be used when the temple facilities are open on a pre-scheduled, space-available basis. Photos may also be taken outdoors on the social hall patio as the schedule permits.
 - Photography sessions should be scheduled a minimum of six weeks in advance. This is the best opportunity to find a slot that works for you, your photographer and the temple.
 - Slots available are:
 - Mondays, 2-3pm or 4-5pm
 - Before of after your service, on a space available basis
 - For a 9:30am service, 8-9am
 - For an 11:30am service, 12:45-1:45pm
 - For a 3pm service, 1:30-2:30pm
 - For a 5pm service, 3:30-4:30pm
 - For a 10:30am service, either 8-9am or 9-10am
 - For a 5:30pm service, either 3-4pm or 4-5pm

Torah Scrolls

Our Torah scrolls are sacred objects that we must treat with appropriate care and respect. They are valuable to our congregation as ritual objects, and also are very expensive to repair and/or replace. With this in mind, we ask you to please adhere to the following requests:

For photos taken with a scroll unrolled on the podium or “dressed” scroll- One scroll has been designated for use during B'nei Mitzvah photography sessions. It is one of our Haftarah scrolls and it is located in a labeled plastic bin behind the bimah.

Podiums on the Bimah

The podium positioned in the center of the Bimah is permanent and cannot be moved. If you wish to move anything in the Sanctuary, please go to security. Security will call the custodial staff for assistance. **Only the custodial staff may move items in the Sanctuary.**

Items in the Sanctuary have been placed to facilitate hybrid services and are in position to facilitate cameras, laptops and mics. It is important to avoid situations where microphones, cameras, laptops and/or their cables are damaged or podiums are moved out of the line of the cameras.