



B'nei Mitzvah Photography Guidelines

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

- 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 or after your service, on a space available basis
 - For a 10:30am service, either 8-9am or 9-10am
 - For b'nei mitzvahs, both families can begin at 8 or 8:30 and alternate taking photos in the sanctuary and in various locations around Temple Sinai.
 - For a 5:30pm service, either 3-4pm or 4-5pm
- Please respect synagogue property – be gentle with our electronics and do not move any equipment. Please call a custodian if you need to move any equipment.
- **If you want to take photographs outside, please contact security. *For security reasons, we do not permit propping open of doors. We prefer all entries and exits via the main synagogue entrance.***
- Photography and videography are not allowed during the service. However, Temple Sinai livestreams the service and we will send you a file to download following the service.

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.

If you need assistance handling the scroll, please either make prior arrangements with the temple office, or go to security to request assistance from clergy (if available) or custodial staff.

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.**