



Rules for Photographers for Bar/Bat Mitzvah Portraits and Services

Picture taking before the service:

1. Photography sessions are typically scheduled for the week before the actual Bar/Bat Mitzvah service. Exceptions for picture taking on the day of the actual service are granted on a case by case basis. That being said, **ALL** still photography must be completed 30 minutes before the service begins.
2. If the photographer opens the ark to take pictures with the Torah, he/she is responsible for treating the Torah with respect, covering it when it is not being used, and for closing the ark doors during the picture taking. He/she should also make sure the Torah, fully dressed, is returned to the ark and make sure the **ark doors are closed properly**.
3. Pictures taken on the Bima and in front of the Ark **MUST** be appropriate to the religious sanctity befitting the location. These might include family groupings, reading the Torah, holding the Torah, posing with the clergy, etc. Any questions regarding what is appropriate should be directed to the Executive Director or office staff.

Picture taking during the service:

1. **No** still pictures are permitted during any Beth Or worship service. Each family is permitted **one** video camera for the service. This camera must be on a tripod and in the video room only.
2. The videographer **must** stay with the camera, fully set up on the tripod, until the service is over. The videographer may not begin to dismantle the setup until the service is over and the guests are leaving.
3. **Between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm there is no photography permitted in the following areas of the building:** Lobby, Rotunda, Foyer, Outside, Overflow area (Sanctuary lobby).
4. **As a reminder:** please turn off all cell phones and beepers while in our Sanctuary.