

BAR/BAT MITZVAH QUICK FAQs

*Kiddush: Special note: Facility reservations for a Kiddush are **not** automatic and depend on availability.*

Q: If we are leaving immediately after services for our reception offsite, am I responsible for providing a Kiddush for the congregation?

▶ **A:** No, you are not required to host a sponsored Kiddush. However, if all of your guests are not invited to your offsite event, there is no Kiddush for them at the temple. Please note: "Kiddush to Go" is not an option at Temple B'nai Abraham.

Q: If I am having a Kiddush, but prefer to hold a private lunch, what are the differences between this and a sponsored Kiddush?

▶ **A:** With a sponsored Kiddush, the congregants who are attending morning Shabbat services are invited to join you, your family and guests (we suggest you prepare for between 10-20 members). The housekeeping fee of \$250 and the food standard applies (meat and dairy cannot be served at the same event). For a private lunch, the congregation is not invited, and the applicable facility fee is charged. (Please refer to the enclosed **information sheet for a detailed explanation of differences.)

Q: Can we co-host a sponsored Kiddush with the family with whom we are sharing the date? What if there is a duplication of requests for a reception?

▶ **A:** Yes, many TBA families have chosen to share their simcha and co-host the sponsored Kiddush with the other family. We encourage families to discuss their plans with each other before finalizing any requests. If there is a conflict, both parties will be notified and given the opportunity to resolve the matter.

Q: What are the time frames for a sponsored Kiddush, private lunch, afternoon and evening receptions?

▶ **A:** Shabbat Services end approximately 12 noon. A sponsored Kiddush begins following services until 2:00 PM, a private lunch until 3:00 PM and an afternoon reception until 5:00 PM. An evening reception may begin any time after 7:00 PM for five hours, thereafter is considered over-time.

Photography:

Q: Are photography and videography permitted during Shabbat Services at TBA?

▶ **A:** Yes, providing the photographer & videographer comply with temple guidelines (see *Photographer's letter for the complete guideline list*) which include:

- During the service pictures may only be taken from the choir loft. Flash, artificial lights or any special lighting and/or strobe attachments may not be used during the service. Please use mufflers on the still cameras.
- No more than four persons other than the choir and organist are permitted in the choir loft. Therefore, if there are two families who wish a visual record of the service, each family is allowed a maximum of two persons in the loft.
- **During any photo session, under no circumstances may you unroll the Torah scrolls. This also includes your personnel or any Bar/Bat family members.**

Q: When can we take "posed" family photos in the Ross Sanctuary?

▶ **A:** To arrange to take photos on the **Friday prior** to your child's simcha, please call Tina Greenberg at 973.994.2290 ext 217 to schedule an appointment for that Friday.

Or

You may choose to take photos **preceding your Saturday morning services**. All posed photography in the Sanctuary must be completed between 8:00 to 9:15 AM, shared time for B'nai Mitzvah families.

▶ *No appointment is necessary, but please confer with the family with whom you are sharing the date to coordinate a time frame. (If not completed by that time, additional posed pictures may be taken after worshipers have left the Sanctuary.)*

For further information, please contact Tina Greenberg Communications Coordinator, 973.994.2290, ext 217 or tgreenberg@tbanj.org