

BETH EL TEMPLE
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WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHY INFORMATION

TO: Photographers and Families

FROM: Rabbi James Rosen

In order to maintain the religious dignity of the wedding ceremony and to help you capture its important moments on film we ask that you observe the following:

-----Group and individual photographs should be concluded ½ hour before the ceremony is scheduled to begin. At this time, the signing of the Ketubah will take place in the Bridal Room or Library and photography is permitted.

Use of Flash:

The use of flash is permitted during three phases of the wedding ceremony.

- a. As the procession begins.
- b. When glass is to be broken. (Once all participants have reached the Chuppah, this is the only time during the ceremony that flash may be used.)
- c. During recessional.

No flash is permitted during the ceremony, except as outlined in (b) above. However, non-flash time exposures are permitted provided they are taken from the rear of the Sanctuary.

Several important matters to be considered:

-----When the procession begins, do not delay the bride, groom and others in wedding party for picture taking.

-----No floodlights are permitted in the Sanctuary at any time during the wedding ceremony.

Videos

- a. Regarding portable video cameras, the same rules apply as to still photography. Once the ceremony begins, only mounted cameras are to be used.
- b. A video camera may be mounted on the Bima, provided that it is placed inconspicuously behind greens. No operator may be present on the Bima once the procession begins.

If you have additional questions, contact the Temple office.