



*Mazel
Tov*
Lori
Levitas

on becoming
a Bat Mitzvah
this Shabbat

**Would you
like your
Bar/Bat
Mitzvah's
photo on
Temple
Isaiah's
Facebook
page?**

We're offering parents the opportunity to send a lovely "Mazel Tov" to their child during the week leading up to their bar/bat mitzvah on Temple Isaiah's Facebook page

If you'd like to take advantage of this, submit a photo to Raya@templeisaiah.org AT LEAST ONE MONTH before the ceremony date. Photo will need to be high resolution; if you're not sure if the photo is large enough to use, Raya will let you know if an alternative photo is needed. Also, please let her know EXACTLY how you would like names to be displayed.

Contact Lori@templeisaiah.org if you have questions.

Perfect *B'nai Mitzvah* Photos

by Raya Kridel

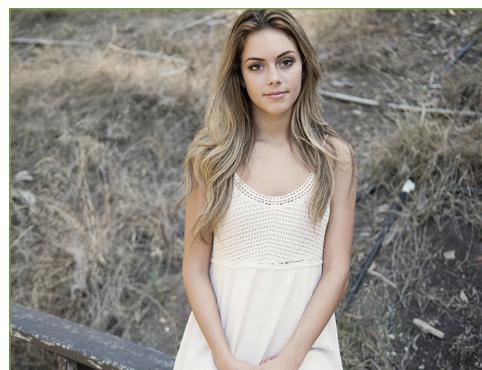
Did the title get your attention? Of course it did, because the months leading up to the day your child becomes a bar/bat mitzvah are joyous. Or stress-filled, but most likely, a combination of both. It's a big event in your child's life and you sweat the details to make sure that it's memorable.

One thing on your list might be arranging for a photographer to commemorate the event with a carefully-orchestrated photo session in front of an open Torah scroll, but before that, take advantage of Temple Isaiah's two large digital screens in our lobbies. In the week preceding your child's bar/bat mitzvah date, we can run a photo offering them a hearty and heart-felt Mazel Tov. But what makes a great photo for this? It doesn't necessarily require a professional photographer; if you want to try and do it yourself, there are a few things you can keep in mind to make sure that your child's greeting looks great.



Look out for distracting objects in the background, like vehicles or signs. Large patterns (like the steps) are ok, but a clean background is better. A tree, pole, or stop sign coming out of their head is definitely something to avoid.

First of all, make sure it's in focus and well-lit, and the colors are accurate. I can work some Photoshop magic but the more it's off, the harder it is to make sure they don't look like they're seasick, in a dark cave, or on the surface of the sun.



Our screens have a specific size, so sending a photo that is already too narrow looks unfortunate when I crop for the screen. Just make sure that it's a high enough resolution so it will fit our screen, and leave some room on at least one side.

If you're ever unsure if a photo is large enough for the screens, too dark, off-color, won't crop well, has a background that's too distracting, or any other issues, just email it to me at Raya@templeisaiah.org and I'm happy to try it out. Good luck!