

FAQs re: B'nei Mitzvah space during Beth El's renovation

My simcha is scheduled to be at TAPC. Where will everything take place?

On a "regular" Shabbat, services AND Kiddush are held in the Fellowship Hall. Based on your preferences, services can be held in the Fellowship Hall OR the church's Main Sanctuary. The Main Sanctuary holds more people.

What about Friday night services? Where will they be held?

Friday night services can be in the Fellowship Hall, the Main Sanctuary, or the Chapel. This will partly depend on the amount of guests you anticipate attending services and partly depend on other events going on (i.e. family Shabbat dinner, elaborate Saturday Kiddush, etc.)

We would like to have a Shabbat dinner for our family. Is there space at TAPC?

If you would like to have a Shabbat dinner for your family, please contact Nancy Luberoff ASAP. You are welcome to use the space for a dinner, pending availability. The Freedman Center at Beth El is also available for Shabbat dinners. There may be additional charges.

Are there crosses in the main sanctuary? (or other religious items)

Yes and no. The sanctuary has a few religious items that are removable. The stained glass windows are not religious. There is one cross that is not removable. It blends with the background and is up on the "stage" area that we will not be using. The Fellowship Hall and Chapel do not have any permanent religious items.

Can I see the space before making a decision about where we'd like the services to be held?

Absolutely! The rooms are open every Shabbat. Join us for services! Elisabeth, Jessie, a Gabbai or greeter will be able to show you around on any given week.

Once we've decided which space we'd like to use for services, what do we do?

You will speak with our Executive Director (right now, that is [Nancy Luberoff](#)) who will communicate with TAPC about set ups. They already have both spaces reserved for us on B'nei Mitzvah weekends, so there is no need to worry about availability.

What about Kiddush? What is involved in sponsoring/coordinating Kiddush that day?

B'nei Mitzvah families are responsible for sponsoring/coordinating Kiddush for their simcha. But fear not, we won't leave you to figure it out on your own. For all things food/Kiddush/catering related, you'll want to speak directly with Beth El's Kitchen Manager-[Sandy Fangmeier](#). In addition to being the Kitchen Manager, Sandy is a kosher caterer and an excellent resource to help you figure out all of the details of your Kiddush (and no pressure to use her as your caterer!).

Where will the final walk-thru with Rabbi Greyber take place?

It will take place at TAPC.

What if we want to take pictures at the church?

Let us know when and where and we can help coordinate with the staff at TAPC.

We are thinking about doing the additional (optional) Thursday morning minyan. Where will that be held?

Thursday morning minyan will be in the Freedman Center Lounge at Beth El.