

Congregation Keneseth Israel
Policies, Practices & Guidelines

Policy, Practice or Guideline: Flowers & Decorations for B’nai Mitzvahs

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- I. Introduction: It has become the custom at KI to decorate the Bima with Floral arrangements for B’nai Mitzvah Services.
- II. Policy Statement: It is the policy at KI that Bar and Bat Mitzvah families may Provide the flowers for the Bima.
- III. History: In the past, Sisterhood (Women of KI) provided the Bima Flowers for Shabbat and High Holy Day Services and if financially able, B’nai Mitzvah families supplied them for the Bar/Bat Mitzvah service.
- III. Definitions:
- IV. Procedure:
- a. Bima flowers are placed in front of the central reading desk.
 - b. The top of the arrangement may not extend above the Bima desk.
 - c. No other flowers or plants are permitted in the Sanctuary except as supervised by the Executive Director.
 - d. The Bar/Bat Mitzvah family may not decorate the Lobby with flowers, plants or articles that pertain to the theme of the party prior to the event.
- V. Reference: Bar/Bat Mitzvah Handbook