

# BIM Decorum Policy

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To ensure a meaningful and enjoyable synagogue experience for all, please follow these guidelines. Parents are expected to educate and guide their children to uphold these standards.

## General Expectations

- 1a. Respect Others:** Avoid disrupting davening, drashot, or communal activities.
- 1b. Respect the Shul:** Treat the building, and its contents, with proper care.
- 1c. Parental Responsibility:** Parents are responsible for supervising their children.

## Safety and Conduct

- 2a.** Proper footwear must be worn at all times.
- 2b.** Running, climbing, and fooling around is only permissible in the Youth Room.
- 2c.** During davening:
  - Refrain from congregating and shmoozing in the Lobby, Hallway, and Social Hall.
  - Children should be in the Youth Room, Library, or Sanctuary.
  - Young children should not repeatedly travel from room to room every few minutes.
- 2d.** During the Rabbi's drasha, no one is to enter the Sanctuary for any reason.

## Toys and Cleanup

- 3a.** Games involving flying objects or toy firearms are only permissible in the Youth Room, and only with care taken to avoid hitting lights.
- 3b.** Use toys appropriately for their purpose and/or age bracket.
- 3c.** Return toys and books to their designated places after use.
- 3d.** Report damaged items and ensure toys are put away neatly, even if others have left.

## Food and Cleanliness

- 4a.** Wait for the Rabbi to make kiddush before taking any food.
- 4b.** Food and drink are not allowed in the Library or Sanctuary during services.
- 4c.** Food and drink are not allowed in the Youth Room.
- 4d.** Clean your mess and trash from tables and floors after meals, snacks, and kiddush.
- 4e.** Parents must help their children clean up communal spaces after use, including the Social Hall and Youth Room.

Your cooperation ensures our synagogue remains a respectful and welcoming environment for all. Thank you!