

PHOTOGRAPHY PLANNER

Your photographer's personality is as important as their skill. Meet with them to make sure your ideas mesh and find out exactly what photos they'll be taking. Discuss any restrictions your church or synagogue may impose. Determine what you'll need to do to get reprints and extra albums later on.

Ask the Right Questions

- Are you the photographer who will be taking the pictures? If not, can I meet with that photographer?
- How long have you been a professional wedding photographer? May I see samples of your work?
- What packages do you offer? What do they include?
- Do you allow couples to purchase the negatives?
- Do you include reprints or albums in your pricing?
- What is the reorder price, if I decide to order additional prints later?
- What type of photography do you specialize in? (candid, portraits, photojournalistic, black and white or a combination?)
- Do you shoot digitally?
- Have you photographed at my ceremony and reception site before? Are you familiar with the lighting/layout there?
- How many other weddings do you have that night? Are there any time limits as to how long you can stay?
- When will my proofs be ready? How long can I keep them?
- Can I view my photos online? Do you offer online ordering for my guests?
- What happens if you are sick or have an emergency on my wedding day?
- In the event of equipment failure, can you guarantee that a backup camera will be on hand?
- How far in advance must I book your services?
- What is your cancellation policy?
- Is a deposit required? If so, when and how much?

PORTRAITS

BRIDE & GROOM:

- Bride & groom together
- Bride & groom with each set of parents
- Bride & groom with entire wedding party
- Close-up of couple's hands displaying rings
- Signing the marriage certificate

BRIDE'S PHOTOS:

- Bride, full-length
- Bride, back of dress

- Bride's bouquet
- Bride with both parents
- Bride with mother & father separately
- Bride with grandparents
- Bride with siblings
- Bride with maid/matron-of-honor
- Bride with each bridesmaid
- Bride with all her attendants
- Bride with groomsmen
- Bride with ring bearer, flower girl

GROOM'S PHOTOS:

- Groom, full-length
- Groom with parents
- Groom with mother & father separately
- Groom with grandparents
- Groom with siblings
- Groom with best man
- Groom with each groomsman
- Groom with all his attendants
- Groom with bridesmaids

PRE-WEDDING

- Bride getting ready
- Bride putting on veil
- Candid shots of bride preparing & relaxing
- Bride's attendants getting ready
- Groom getting ready
- Groom's attendants getting ready
- Front of ceremony location
- Guests arriving & being seated

CEREMONY

- Musicians
- Attendants walking to enter ceremony
- Parents being seated
- Candid shots of parents' expressions
- Attendants walking down the aisle
- Child attendants walking down the aisle
- Groom coming down the aisle
- Clergy, groom & best man at altar
- Bride & father walking down aisle
- Father giving bride's hand to groom

- Guests watching the ceremony
- Vow exchange
- Ring ceremony
- Candid shots of bride's/groom's face
- Unity candle ceremony, kiddush cup ceremony, etc.
- Signing of wedding certificate
- Groom kissing the bride
- Recessional
- Guests throwing rice, flower petals, etc.

RECEPTION

- Guests at cocktail party
- Guests signing guest book
- Placecards
- Centerpieces, place settings & plated meals
- Favors
- Toasts
- Bride & Groom listening to toasts
- Group pictures & candid shots throughout reception

- Musicians
- Bride & Groom's first dance
- Bride & Father, Groom & Mother dance
- Guests dancing
- Cake, cake table & cake cutting
- Couple feeding each other cake
- Bouquet toss

- Garter removal & toss
- Sweetheart dance
- Going-away vehicle (especially if decorated)
- Bride & groom in going away clothes
- Newlyweds departing & guests' farewell