

## CORNERSTONE 2021 RESOURCE

### Photography! Sacred Seeing Photo Shoot *Shabboption*

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<b>TOPIC (S)</b>	Prayer- Alternative, Visual arts
<b>SUMMARY</b>	In this session we will train our eyes to see beauty wherever we look and capture it with a camera. We will learn insights on noticing hidden beauty and then go find it and capture it with our camera!
<b>GOALS:</b>	Participants will train their eyes to see the (sometimes hidden) beauty in the world and in other people. Participants will learn photography techniques to capture beauty
<b>AUDIENCE:</b>	All ages, any size group
<b>TIMING:</b>	Shabboption - 30 minutes
<b>APPENDICES:</b>	
<b>MATERIALS NEEDED:</b>	Camera
<b>SET-UP DETAILS:</b>	As it will be shabbat for me when this class runs, I will need someone from Cornerstone to start this class and share the video link :)

## SESSION TIMELINE

- This will be a pre-made video by Dudi Calahan Productions.
- Video:
  - 1-3 min Awesomeness of pictures. How images affect us.
- 3-7 min The art of finding beauty wherever you look, even in sad places.
- 7-12 min Photography 101. Framing a picture. Foreground/background. Blending into a moment to get a candid photo.
- 12-14 min Assignment. Go somewhere. Could be public place, private place or in nature.
- Close your eyes. Slowly spin around 5 times. After spinning open your eyes. Notice what you see. Zoom in and find beauty!
- 14-15 Take these beauty eyes with you over shabbat and leave the camera at home.
- End of video
- 15-25 10 minutes to go do photo shoot
- 25-30 COME BACK AND SHARE favorite pictures and stories
- Punch line/last line. “Have eyes that see the beauty in each other and this world over shabbat”.

## SESSION OUTLINE:

This will be a pre-made video by Dudi Calahan Productions.

Video:

Say hello and play the pre-made video:

Video:

1-2 min Introduction. There will be images of Dudi Calahan (character) taking pictures. Sometimes he will be in extreme yoga poses as he is taking pictures (to be funny).

2-4 Dudi will give a brief talk on the awesomeness of pictures and how images affect us. I will show some iconic images.

4-7 I will talk about the art of finding beauty wherever you look, even in sad places. Everything has a story. A great image both captures a moment/a story and at the same time leaves you curious about what happened before and after the picture. If you have the right eyes you can see beauty wherever you look!

7-12 min Photography 101. In this section we will go over some very basic photography principles to be aware of.

**-Framing a picture.** If you put too much in the frame then the viewer will be distracted from what you want them to see. Too little in the frame and the image can lose it's magic. Be mindful of which elements you want in or out of the shot.

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-**Foreground/background.** Most images have a main object. Is there something behind or in front of this main object. If so this will give the image a sense of depth which is often enjoyable for a viewer.

-**Blending** into a moment to get a candid photo. A beautiful moment can be a fleeting thing. Sometimes just the act of bringing out a camera, a capturing device, can make the moment less magical. As a general rule I think it is good to connect to your moment without a camera first, to blend in, and then snap the candid photo. This takes skill.

-**Take more shots** and delete and edit later. Take wider shots as you can trim down later.

12-14 **Give assignment.** Go somewhere. Could be public place, private place or in nature. Close your eyes. Slowly spin around 5 times. After spinning open your eyes. Notice what you see right in front of you. Zoom in, notice/find the beauty and take a well framed picture of it!

14-15 Take these beauty eyes with you over shabbat and leave the camera at home.

End of video

15-25 10 minutes to **go do a photo shoot** by playing the photo game mentioned in the video.

25-30 COME BACK AND SHARE favorite pictures and stories.

Punch line/last line. "Have eyes that see the beauty in each other and this world over shabbat".