

JEWISH WEDDING RESOURCES

The primary function of this section is to point you toward some useful literature on the various customs, traditions, and meanings associated with “the Jewish wedding.” For those of you interested in logistical information for wedding planning purposes, please cross-reference this Guide’s sections on *Kosher Caterers*, *Simcha Space Rental*, and *Synagogues*, as well as the Jewish United for Justice guide available at http://www.jufj.org/green_just_celebrations.

Please note, as with all sections of this resource guide, this by no means represents an exhaustive list. We would welcome any and all suggestions for other resources. In addition, if our members have electronic file versions of their wedding programs that they would be willing for us to post as part of a reference bank, please email us with attachments at lifecycle@dcminyan.org

Websites

http://www.aish.com/literacy/lifecycle/Guide_to_the_Jewish_Wedding.asp

A basic overview of the components of the Jewish wedding ceremony.

<http://eng.itim.org.il/?CategoryID=205>

From the Jewish Life Information Center [ITIM] website, which provides in-depth information about all Jewish lifecycle events. This link provides a guide through the Jewish wedding process from engagement through *sheva brachot* and even includes interesting information on the legal, psychological, and historical dimensions of the Jewish marriage.

http://www.judaicconnection.com/htmltext/questions_about_texts.htm

Information about various types of *ketubah* texts.

<http://www.jofa.org/social.php/life/marriage/>

General information and many relevant resources on Jewish weddings from JOFA (the Jewish Orthodox Feminist Alliance).

<http://www.jofa.org/pdf/JofaSummer2003.pdf>

An issue of the JOFA Journal devoted to weddings, particularly the issue of making halachic weddings more egalitarian.

<http://www.jofa.org/pdf/05jofasummer.pdf>

An article from the JOFA Journal on the issue of halachic pre-nuptial agreements to avoid agunah issues.

http://www.rabbis.org/Prenuptial_Agreement.cfm

The RCA halachic pre-nuptial agreement

<http://www.ou.org/publications/ja/5765/5765summer/LegalEase.Chatani.kallah.pdf>

An interesting article about the bride and groom seeing each other before the wedding.

Books

Beyond Breaking the Glass: A Spiritual Guide to Your Jewish Wedding, by Nancy H. Wiener; (2001).

The Creative Jewish Wedding Book: A Hands-On Guide to New & Old Traditions, Ceremonies & Celebrations, by Gabrielle Kaplan; (2004).

The Jewish Way in Love and Marriage, by Maurice Lamm; (1991).

Made in Heaven: A Jewish Wedding Guide, by Aryeh Kaplan; (1983).

Make Your Own Jewish Wedding: How to Create a Ritual That Expresses Your True Selves, by Ana Schwartzman and Zoe Francesca; (2004).

Mazal Tov!: The Ritual and Customs of a Jewish Wedding by Michael Shire; (2002).

The New Jewish Wedding by Anita Diamant; (Revised, 2001).