

Wedding Planning Resources

This primary function of this section is to point you towards some useful web-based, and other literature on the various customs, traditions, and meanings associated with “the Jewish wedding.”

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

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***.

Websites

http://www.aish.com/literacy/lifecycle/Guide_to_the_Jewish_Wedding.asp (basic overview of the components of the Jewish wedding ceremony).

http://www.judaicconnection.com/htmltext/questions_about_texts.htm (information about various types of *ketubah* texts)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jewish_view_of_marriage (a very thorough overview of Jewish wedding traditions and customs from Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, and Reconstructionist perspectives)

http://www.itim.org.il/bin/en.jsp?enDispWho=CeremonySuperTopic^14&enPage=BlankPage_E&enDisplay=view&enDispWhat=object&enVersion=0&enInfolet=ViewObject_E.jsp&enZone=CeremonySuperTopic (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).

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).