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The Everything Jewish Wedding Book: Mazel Tov! From The Chuppah To The Hora, All You Need For Your Big Day (The Everything® Kids Series)



Synopsis

From reciting the Kiddush (sanctification prayer) to building the chuppah (wedding canopy), the details of a Jewish wedding can be overwhelming! This wedding guide helps newlyweds understand tradition and plan a wedding they'll cherish forever. Written by a rabbi who has performed many weddings, this informative guide will help people navigate: the Judaic concept of marriage; engagement etiquette; the proper way to introduce the families; how to confer with a rabbi and the ritual director; the business of incorporating family heirlooms; and more! Whether the wedding is joining two Jewish people or an interfaith couple, this book is a must-have survival guide for any chatan (groom) or kallah (bride).

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Customer Reviews

Planning a Jewish Wedding? This book can be a REAL help! I am so pleased I ordered it. The author answers many thorny questions about mixed (interracial) marriages, widowed and divorced brides and grooms, recently divorced parents, etc., with ease. One of the few books I found that the author actually dealt with the messy, human stuff, glossed over by the majority of writers who seem to think that because people are "in love", their lives have been a clean slate, up to that point.

I bought this book because I am in the process of conversion and I would like to embrace as many Jewish wedding traditions as I can when our big day arrives. While this book is a fun, easy read, I am not learning much about the why and how of these traditions. This book is almost like a couples crash course in relationships, with a little Jewish flavor and tradition thrown in. Throughout my conversion I've read several very helpful books that teach the why's behind traditions or details how-to's. This is more like a step by step planning guide for a wedding that happens to be Jewish. Still, I'm not super disappointed and I plan to finish it.

This book is part of a series of hundreds of "everything" books on every imaginable topic. It is sensitively written, well-organized, and full of useful information. However, I was a bit disappointed. I had gotten from the library the earlier (1998) "The Everything Jewish Wedding book; the complete guide to planning the ceremony and celebration--from traditional to contemporary--for the most important day of your life" by Helen Latner. The book by Rabbi Shafner is called "2nd Edition" but it really is an entirely different book. The Latner book was much more of a practical planning guidebook, including logs and checklists, samples of music contracts, a variety of invitation samples, etc. Rabbi Shafner mentions such things in passing with the advice that such tools are available in libraries and bookstores. Right, like the first edition.

This book helped me when I was getting married. So much so that I gave a copy to a friend for her wedding.

The book is very informative. I found it very useful. Only thing was the order of the sections was a little awkward, but overall the content is great.

Great Seller! Accurate description and quick shipping. A++

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