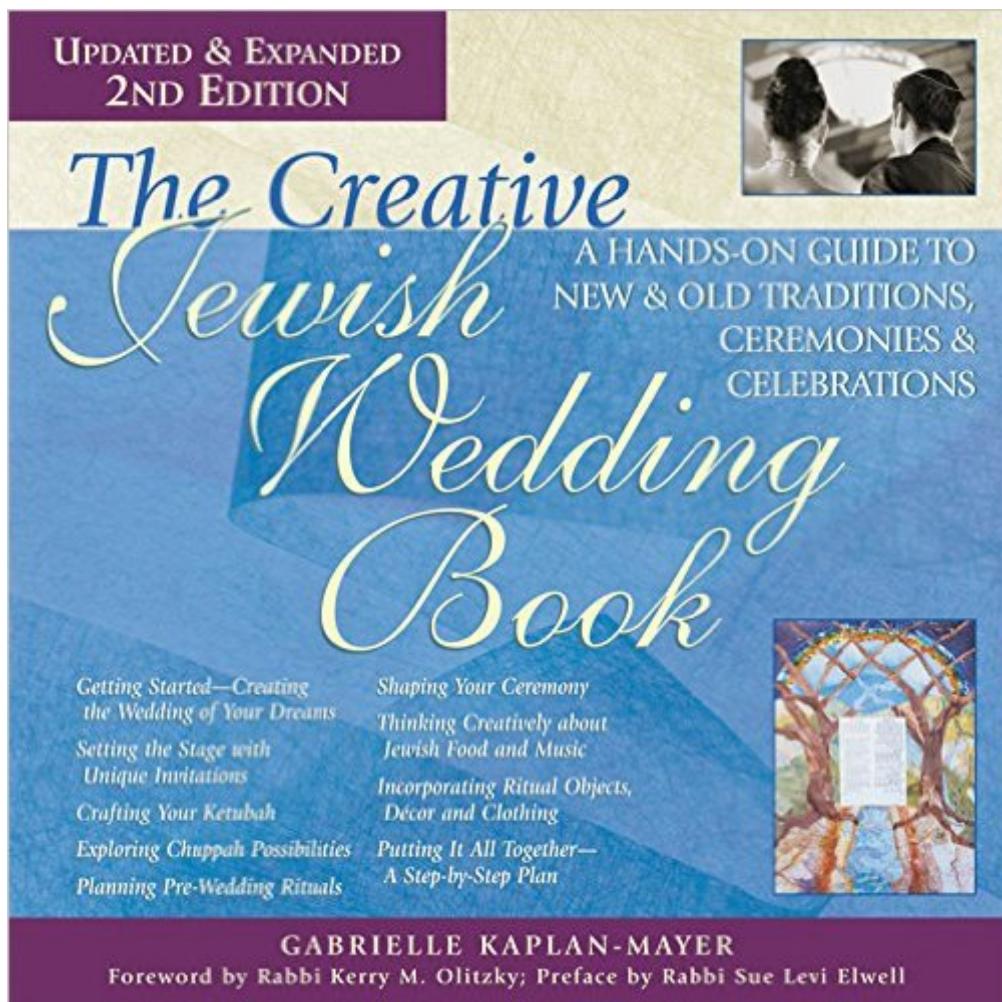


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# The Creative Jewish Wedding Book 2/E: A Hands-On Guide To New & Old Traditions, Ceremonies & Celebrations



## **Synopsis**

Enrich your wedding with your own creative use of Jewish ritual and tradition. Wedding planning can be a stressful experience. Keeping track of all the details—deciding who to invite, choosing a caterer, arranging the reception—can sometimes lead to a couple forgetting about the bigger picture and the significance of this day in their lives: a joyous occasion that should reflect not only your personality, but your values, as well. Updated and expanded, *The Creative Jewish Wedding Book*, 2nd Edition, brings your complete wedding planning into focus. Gabrielle Kaplan-Mayer helps you express your individuality and spirituality on your wedding day. Whether your plans are traditional or alternative, whether you are planning your first or second marriage, she provides the tools you need to look at and think about ritual and tradition in new and innovative ways including: Insights and reflections from a broad range of couples who have created their own distinctive weddings Practical hands-on techniques and ideas for creating many of the ritual objects connected to a Jewish wedding—from designing your own ketubah, to making paper for invitations, to fashioning the chuppah How to express your spiritual life and values through your ceremony—now updated with more eco-friendly tips and suggestions An up-to-date guide to wedding resources in the Jewish world Inspiring and useful, *The Creative Jewish Wedding Book*, 2nd Edition, can help you reclaim your wedding day from the whirlwind of details and bring out the honesty and integrity you desire in your wedding experience.

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Reading through this book is like getting advice from a clever, witty, creative and deeply spiritual

friend. There are wonderful examples of how different couples have created meaningful rituals for their weddings, giving the readers starting points to create their own deeply personal simchot. There is an amazing sense of openness and inclusiveness throughout. "The Creative Jewish Wedding Book" will be a standard engagement gift for my Jewish friends.

My partner is Jewish and I'm Christian. Now with marriage equality in Hawaii, we are planning our wedding in April. This book has been extremely helpful in designing our Jewish ceremony. It's very inclusive and covers everything from sample invitations, wedding traditions, ceremony outline and ideas for the reception. We found its online resources to be useful as well. If you're not Jewish, the author does a great job of explaining everything you need to know. This book is for gay and straight couples. We're using the author's ideas to create our own unique wedding.

The Creative Jewish Wedding book has been a life saver. My partner and I had read every book, magazine, web site there is. As a Lesbian couple we were searching and searching for texts that included us in a way that was just inclusive and not so abrupt and exclusive or not included as an afterthought. Gabrielle makes all kinds of Judaism included and honored and makes the reader feel like whatever their beliefs it's all good. As a gay couple we can't express our appreciation enough of our inclusion and her way of writing that is so easy and pleasing to read. Gabrielle also introduced us to new ways of expressing words of god that put us at ease and honored our belief system. Her writing is compassionate and open, she offers excellent resources and information, and the book offers new insights and has been a delight to learn from and read.

Though my mom had the best intentions, my wedding was spinning out of control! I know she wanted the BEST for me but most important to me was for our wedding to be creative and an expression of us as individuals, as a couple using Jewish traditions. It helped me communicate this to her in a loving way. After that I felt like I had a whole world of new possibilities for our wedding. I was able to use this book to find out what traditions, additions and creative projects we could include. Thanks!

Ms. Kaplan-Mayer has done a great service, not just to couples preparing for marriage, but for wedding officiants as well. All wedding officiants should have this excellent and timely book on their book shelf.

I highly recommend this book for anyone who is in the process of planning a Jewish wedding of their own. It beautifully describes how to navigate the oftentimes stressful and overwhelming process of planning a wedding, while incorporating lovely Jewish traditions and creative ideas for how to make sure your wedding has your trademark. How many times have you been to carbon copies of a wedding that didn't reflect the bride and groom's personality?? Gabrielle Mayer-Kaplan helps you put your very own touches into your special day while also helping you feel more connected with your Jewish heritage. Highly recommended!

Incredibly well researched, witty and warm, Kaplan-Mayer has offered one of the best books available for any couple looking to weave the beauty of Jewish wedding traditions with creative ideas reflecting a wide range of contemporary situations. In addition to the contents of the book, the design and layout are interesting and inviting. Kaplan-Mayer is an avid writer whose work combines wisdom, emotional intelligence, spiritual sensitivity, and practical how-to advice. Superb!

I loved this book. As a liberal reform Jewish woman marrying a wonderful catholic man, it was hard to find resources to create a ceremony that helped create a religious ceremony that fit our Jewish catholic interfaith egalitarian eco friendly fractured family situation. This book made me feel so supported, so creative, and inspired to create a ceremony that fulfills our legal requirements as well as our spiritual requirements. This is great for orthodox couples, reform, interfaith, gay/lesbian, secular, highly religious, and everyone in between. Love this book!!!

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