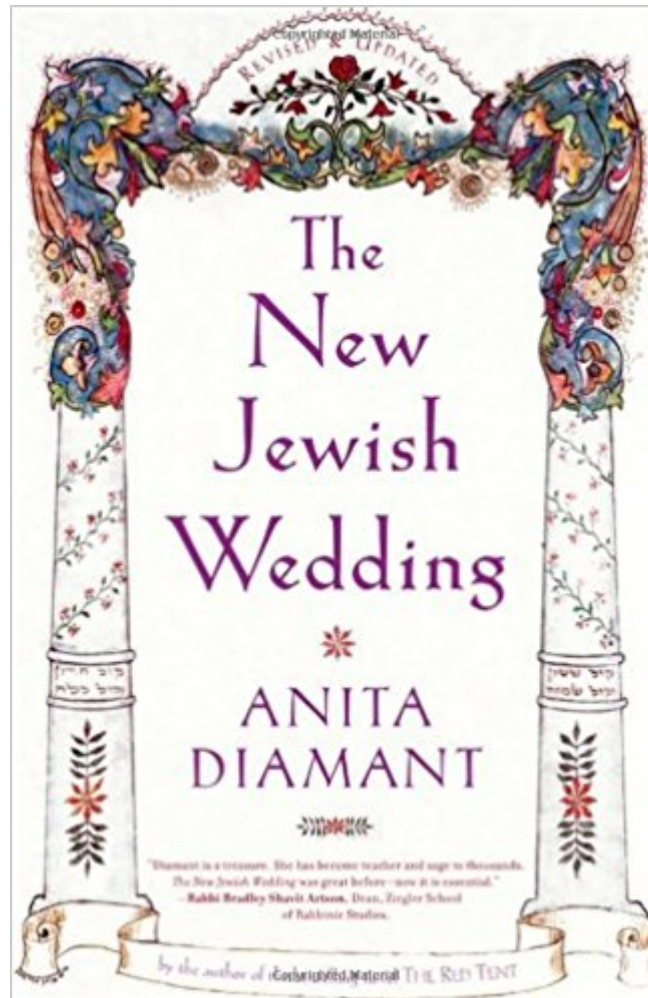




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The Definitive, Completely Up-to-Date Guide to Planning a Jewish Wedding Since its original publication in 1986, *The New Jewish Wedding* has become required reading, assigned to engaged couples by Conservative, Reform, and Reconstructionist rabbis alike. In this new revision, Anita Diamant, one of the most respected writers of guides to Jewish life, continues to offer step-by-step guidance to planning the ceremony and the party that follows -- from hiring a rabbi and wording the invitation to organizing a processional and hiring a caterer. She also includes: A new chapter focusing on converts, non-Jews, and same-sex couples Essential Web sites All new art, with examples of ketubot, invitations, and other wedding paraphernalia New poems and new translations of the seven wedding blessings Complete, authoritative, and indispensable, *The New Jewish Wedding* is a must-have resource for anyone who wants a wedding that combines spiritual meaning and joyous celebration.

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Very informative. Lots of history, lots of background on Jewish weddings. I am a "practicing" Reform Jew, meaning that I don't keep Kosher or Shabbat, but I participate in my Jewish community and go to temple 2-3 times per month. So with my background, the book seems to come from a very religious place, and much of the material is more relevant for a Conservative or Orthodox wedding (more so than for a Reform wedding). This being said, it still can appeal to a wide audience and has small sections to address inter-faith and LGBT weddings. The 2001 revision feels a bit outdated in 2017 with very few internet references. I'm giving it 5 stars because it's a good read, I enjoyed it, and it gives a thorough overview of what to consider in any Jewish wedding. Recommend getting this as soon as you get engaged!

Outstanding! The information and content are presented in such an easy to understand way; the encouragement to use what is comfortable, even alter and change is quite enjoyable and gratifying.

I would think this book should be a must read for all rabbis to give to their wedding couples! The traditions, the sample photos are all a great way to motivate couples to incorporate Jewish life into their wedding ceremony, and who knows maybe their lives as well. Kudos to Anita Diamant

Ordered a copy to share with my fiancée, as required by our Rabbi. I like the honest and frank tone, as well as learning about all of the traditions (orthodox to reform), and having someone reinforce you can absolutely have control over what cultural traditions you want to include. I am entering into an interfaith marriage, very useful to have discussion around this book.

Just okay. My partner and I are an interfaith couple and the rabbi that's marrying us recommended this book. It's a quick, easy read and a very very basic introduction to Jewish weddings. Imagine sitting down to a cup of coffee with a sort-of-crazy hippy-ish friend who was raised Jewish and has been to a few Jewish weddings and hearing her ideas; that's this book. There's a lot of silly information on things like wedding invitations or how to deal with your future in-laws, which I consider more the domain of a wedding book (or magazine) than a book specific to the Jewish wedding. I wish this book included more detailed information on customs and halachah and a little less fluff.

It was a very easy read. It made my wedding planning easier

As a Jewish convert, marrying a man with only unmarried brothers, I had no Jewish family to whom to ask questions. I had never attended a Jewish wedding, and I was going to be having one! This book was invaluable to me. Even as a Reform Jew, with many items not applicable, it helped so much to learn the history and customs, the traditions. I loved reading the book, the wisdom, the ideas, the sensibility. I found it hugely helpful, and a warm companion as I sorted through choices. I think any Jewish bride could find help here. The book is inexpensive for the value I received.

as expected.

Highly recommend this read for Jews and non-Jews marrying Jews (like myself). I learned so much from this book and was able to adapt a lot of the suggestions to meet our needs and desires for our inter-faith wedding.

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