

# 2010 Mazel Tov! *Jewish Wedding Guide*

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## Delicious and affordable ways to say 'I Do'

### FAMILY FEATURES

Springtime ushers in the glitz and glamour of wedding season, which lasts into late fall. This year, economizing is foremost on everyone's minds, but betrothed couples want their weddings and the events leading up to them to be as special as ever.

These wedding trends are how brides and grooms are turning bridal showers, couples' showers and, of course, the wedding itself into priceless yet affordable experiences for everyone involved.

- Revisiting food classics that are guaranteed to please the palate but don't break the bank, like the mini-sliders featured below.
- Choosing fresh and flavorful wines that present value for the price but don't compromise on quality.
- Serving food in small portions, a restaurant trend, is a hit for guests and a boon for the budget.
- Conserving resources with 3L premium wine casks, a convenient, no-waste way to serve a crowd.

Here are some stylish, budget-friendly food and wine options that allow happy couples to have their cupcakes and eat them too.

### Couples' Shower

A couples' shower is the ideal way to informally celebrate the upcoming marriage. Commonly known as a Jack and Jill party, the event can be a luncheon, a laid-back barbecue or a party at a local park. A couples' shower is a prime opportunity for everyone to take a break and enjoy spending time together. Mini-burgers, or gourmet sliders, have universal appeal and offer up a new twist on an old favorite. Paired with the vibrant Big House Red, a California blend with ripe red fruits that costs less than \$10 a bottle, they will easily satisfy guests.



### Wedding Reception

As an alternative to the traditional wedding cake, a cupcake wedding tree is a sophisticated way to end the momentous occasion on the sweetest of notes.

Paired with the food-friendly Cupcake Chardonnay from the Central Coast winegrowing region, this spectacular dessert and the creamy, fruit-forward wine are a match made in heaven.



### Sizzling Mini-Sliders

- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 1/2 cup Big House Red
- 1 1/2 pounds ground chuck
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 12 3-inch dinner rolls

- CONDIMENTS**
- Caramelized onions (sauté in olive oil, very slowly, about 20 minutes)
  - 1/2 cup loosely packed watercress
  - 1/2 cup thinly shredded radicchio

In medium bowl, combine onion powder, garlic, wine, beef, salt and pepper. Shape into twelve 1/2-inch-thick patties. Grill until browned, 3 to 4 minutes per side. Grill dinner rolls until slightly toasted. On bottom of each roll, place caramelized onions, patty, watercress and radicchio. Top with roll top.

Serves 4 Prep time: 30 minutes



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