

2010 Mazel Tov! *Jewish Wedding Guide*

Recruited at the last minute to carry in the chuppah were the bride's uncles, David and Richard Moore; the groom's sister, Julie Payne and the bride's sister, Lara Zielin. At far right, the wedding guests — dressed for what they thought was a casual Thanksgiving/engagement party.



to spiff up for the surprise event. The men wore dress shirts and the women autumn brown dresses.

Rabbi Richard Birnholz of Congregation Schaarai Zedek in Tampa showed up on cue — right as Michael Kass was starting a toast. The rabbi already had a special connection to the couple, having conducted Bar/Bat Mitzvah and confirmation ceremonies for both of them years before they met each other.

The other guests had no idea, nor did the videographer or photographer who first learned of the wedding 15 minutes before it began. They thought they'd be taking holiday photos of family.

"Mike was bragging that he was planning to set a new Turkey Day standard for the family," said the bride's maternal uncle, Dr. Richard Moore, in a wedding remembrance he later wrote. The father of the bride had arranged for a keyboard player, a photographer and

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Janet thus had begun planning her annual Thanksgiving dinner as a combined Thanksgiving/engagement party. She expected a crowd, with family members from all sides gathering for the catered holiday meal.

"My mom is one of five children," Caroline said. "I have 12 first cousins on her side alone."

Janet realized her nearest and dearest already would be on site. It was a perfect opportunity to mingle joy and humor with the unexpected.

Some people, of course, needed a little

advance notice. In addition to the bride's parents, the bridegroom's parents, Dr. Robin and Susan Schwartz of Temple Terrace, knew.

Word also went out to Caroline's sister and brother-in-law, Lara and Ron Zielin of Tampa, and the groom's sister and her husband, Julie and John Payne, also of Tampa.

Being in on the secret enabled these couples

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Announcing your wedding or engagement in the Jewish Press

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There is no charge for announcements or an accompanying photo. Announcements are run on a space available basis in the paper of residence and/or employment.

No form is needed. Mail or email information traditionally included in an engagement or wedding announcement such as the city/state residence of the bride and bridegroom, education and employment, parents and grandparents, if still living.

For the engagement announcement, you may want to include when and where the

ceremony will be.

The wedding announcement may also include the officiant, honeymoon destination and where the newlyweds are living.

All information submitted will be published at the discretion of the newspaper.

A black and white or color photograph is acceptable. The images should be sharp, not blurred or extremely dark. Head shots of the couple together are preferred. Photos may be sent by mail or e-mailed in JPG, TIF, or EPS format at the highest resolution possible (a good gauge is a minimum of 300 dpi for an image 3 inches wide).

The *Jewish Press* cannot guarantee the photo will be returned unless a stamped, self-addressed envelope is sent with the announcement. Mail to Jewish Press, P.O. Box 6970, Clearwater, FL 33758; email to jewishpress@aol.com

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