

Rabbi Jay Heyman

Shalom Spiritual Resources

Rabbi Jay Heyman brings to your wedding, commitment ceremony, or renewal of vows:

- ✿ Many years' experience helping couples design beautiful, unique ceremonies.
- ✿ Genuine openness to working with couples of every faith and orientation.
- ✿ Non-judgmental, fun, flexible attitudes, and a deep love of helping couples create the perfect ceremony for them!

What is your philosophy about weddings?

- ✿ All weddings should be beautiful, and should reflect the values, dreams, and spiritualities of the couple.
- ✿ Planning a wedding should be fun and joyful -- and so should the ceremony!

When you engage me to officiate at your wedding, I take on the responsibility for the service, so that you can be fully present in the magic and power of this unique and precious moment. My ceremonies always include several moments of quietness in which we remember to be fully and completely aware of the moment.

When the ceremony is prepared very carefully and with love, then whatever happens during the wedding itself -- a dropped ring, a crying baby, or lots of airplanes flying overhead -- becomes part of the magic and joy of the moment.

What do we need to do to arrange for our ceremony?

- ✿ The very first step is to find out if I am available for the date you have chosen for your wedding. If you haven't yet set a date, that's fine as it gives you more choices for time and date, etc.

✿ At this point, if I am available for your date, we should have a brief phone conversation. Please contact me at (415) 291-0090. Leave a message if I don't answer. I'll call you back as soon as possible. I'll want to know a bit about the two of you, what kind of ceremony you have in mind, as well as the location and approximate time (e.g., Seattle, San Francisco, Honolulu, morning, early afternoon, evening, etc.). If I'm not available, I have several wonderful colleagues to whom I can refer you.

✿ If I am available on your wedding date, the next step is to schedule an initial consultation. This session will last about an hour, and it will give you a chance to ask and talk about anything you like. This meeting gives you an in-person opportunity that will help you decide if you'd like to claim me as your rabbi. It also gives me a chance to determine if my participation in your wedding would be appropriate. At that time I'll also be able to give you the names and numbers of some references, if you'd like to talk to folks whose weddings I have performed.