

Good morning everyone & thanks for coming to our wedding!

Some thank you's...please bear with me...as this wedding was an email production, it could not have happened without the help of some wonderful people on the ground...

Rabbi Berman- thank you for being able to make this trip in the middle of yr incredibly busy schedule. U r special to bob & I in completely different ways & may we always hv a place on that special phone list in yr breastpocket!

Philip Yakar- as the administrator here at kehilat yedidiah, u went over & above your job description, in assisting us with putting together the first wedding ever to be held here. Yr humor throughout was so appreciated.

Henry horwitz- we share the experience of putting together edah conferences on different continents...when u offered to be the project mgr for this wedding, we cud not say yes fast enuf. Many thanks for yr expertise & thoroughness.

Elisheva bellin- thank u for being my personal assistant today & to quote yr mother's email of this morning, you are simply a proxy for her, not a substitute.

To our many friends here in israel, u all came thru for us in a myriad of ways on a wide range of interesting topics...thank you.

Indulge me for just another coupla of minutes...we are incredibly lucky to hv friends & family from the US who r here today, hving made the trip, just to attend our wedding. Everyone has busy lives, families, etc & we want u to know how much we appreciate u're being here today.

First of all, I want to welcome my mother & sister, susan...we hope that this will be the first of many such trips!

A warm welcome to naomi perlman, who u will hear from in a few minutes. Your insights & guidance hv become a special part of both of our lives.

Ruthy bodner...to quote yr husband, joey...i'm feeling the love today. Thks for surprising me, by telling me in tneck!

Norman & helene stark...I was deprived of most of the surprises that people had planned for us, but as I sat down after the bedecken & noticed u walk in, I was stunned & amazingly thrilled that u were able to make it. Much health & happiness to both of u in the future.

Pam kessler...a wedding is not a place to get to know someone properly, so I hope to do it at more appropriate time. We appreciate u making the decision to come!

Carl jacobs my favorite IM buddy, bob & I always luv hving u around and we do miss anita.

Rob eisen & marc gopin...for bob it's always that brandeis connection...me, CCNY...c anyone here from that school? Zilch! OK yael steiner, u count as a daughter of a cnyc person!! How many brandeis grads here? Rob & marc, thks for organizing yr schedules to attend the wedding.

Gary osen(???) read abt u in the newspaper this wk, but wasn't sure if u were actually coming til I saw u. garson martin, u were my first favorite neighbor on milford terrace!

Followed yrs(& I do mean yrs!!) later by ralph & judy marcus. Exploring yr family, getting to know those 5 different kids has been so much fun & finally u're attending a catered affair of ours, instead of yr endless stream of fun smachot. & getting to meet & get to know frummy(& not just via the use of my driveway), who also worked this wedding into her schedule. Thks for being here.

Elaine rubel 1 of my oldest dearest friends, u promised to come back & visit a lot...don't let us down!

Nathan & shari lindenbaum...u luvd the excuse of coming to israel w/out the kids for a chg...we're not worried abt seeing lots of u here. Thk u for yr constant support & encouragement.

I wish that the arrival of 1 of my closest friends had been the surprise she had intended, but knowing it in advance I think just allowed me to savor the thought of it, that much longer. Esther Levie, I love u for all that u do for us & I am incredibly missing each of yr 6 kids today..ok, bob misses warren, too!

Finally to bob...I think the excerpt from the rumi poem on the wedding invitation, which u surprised me with, says it all...behold I tried all things, turned everywhere, but never found a friend so dear as u...I tested every fountain, every grape, but never tasted wine so sweet as u...I love u.

Enjoy the rest of the morning & shabbat shalom to all!