

## *Your Italian Wedding ... in Florida!*

Ouch! Is the current economic slow down about to change your plans for your destination wedding in Italy?

Has your dream to be married in Italy faded because higher travel costs and a falling US dollar make your wedding in Italy just that.... only a dream?

For decades wedding couples all over the world have chosen Italy as their destination ideal. Why? It's more than Italy's natural beauty. An Italian wedding blends age-old traditions, music and customs that combine to make a special ceremony with special memories to last a lifetime.

That's why we've decided to bring Italy to you. Rabbi Barbara Aiello and her creative team will work with you to create an Italian-themed wedding ceremony in the tropical paradise that is our most southern state. Just like Italy, Florida is filled with gorgeous beaches, lush gardens and Venetian-style villas that are the perfect setting for an Italian wedding here at home.

Rabbi Barbara is fluent in Italian – a great help for couples who have Italian guests – but more than that, she has five years experience organizing and officiating at Italian wedding ceremonies. Not just for Jewish or Jewish Interfaith couples, Rabbi Barbara is a licensed officiant who also designs ceremonies that reflect basic, non-denominational spiritual values for couples of all religious backgrounds.

Incorporating the spiritual traditions of both families is the focus of Rabbi Barbara's ceremony. In addition she adds customs unique to the Italian wedding experience, such as the family blessings, the Unity Cord, a Hava Negila "Tarantella" and the Calabrian "ceppo" ceremony where the groom pledges his love while standing on a tree stump!

Couples choose from a variety of Italian Jewish or Italian Catholic traditions and work with Rabbi Barbara to create a ceremony that celebrates spiritual and cultural ideals. Rabbi Barbara will also co-officiate with a priest or minister and work closely with your wedding planner on music, food selections and the traditional "bombonieri," or special gift given by the wedding couple to all of their guests.

**Contact Rabbi Barbara Aiello to find out more about:**

- **Italian Jewish weddings and commitment ceremonies**
- **Italian Interfaith weddings and commitment ceremonies**
- **Non-denominational spiritual ceremonies**
- **Wedding Photography**
- **Wedding Planning**

*All with an Italian touch ... right here at home*

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