

Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center

Freedman Wedding Guide



Isabella Freedman is located in the heart of New England on 450 acres of lush meadows and woodland, which includes two scenic lakes. For your wedding weekend, we offer you exclusive use of our facility, breathtaking scenery, delicious Kosher cuisine, and comfortable accommodations in a relaxed setting.

Whether you unite with your beloved under a canopy of trees, in our glass-walled synagogue overlooking the Berkshire mountains, or on the shore of Lake Miriam, Isabella Freedman offers a spectacular backdrop for your spring, summer, or fall wedding.

Our guest houses can accommodate up to 180 people. Additional lodging can also be found at several local inns. Indoor and outdoor wedding receptions can cater to as many guests as you would like to invite.

Thank you for your interest in holding your wedding at Isabella Freedman. If there's any way we can assist you, please let us know.



When You Choose Isabella Freedman for Your Wedding Location,



you get all the Berkshires have to offer plus a staff of caring and dynamic individuals who will ensure your event flows smoothly. Our talented staff can also provide fun and meaningful activities that are just right for your function.

Our all-inclusive weekend wedding package includes exclusive use of our facility, two nights' accommodations, and all meals from Friday afternoon through Sunday lunch. There is an additional charge for the wedding banquet.

We know that planning a wedding involves lots of details. So let us make it easy for you. We can assist you with every stage of your wedding plans to ensure that your wedding weekend is perfect—from arranging a florist to helping you find a band. Your Wedding Coordinator will be with you every step of the way, and our caring and courteous detail-oriented staff will make sure that you enjoy your special weekend. To make sure you're well taken care of, we even offer the bride and groom each complimentary hour-long massages.

Staying at Isabella Freedman

ACCOMMODATIONS. Isabella Freedman can accommodate 180 – 200 guests. Each of our 11 unique lodges are fully heated (winter) and air-conditioned (summer). There are three types of lodging at Isabella Freedman:

- * **Basic Cabins** with shared bathrooms (bathrooms are shared between two or three rooms)
- * **Modern Cabins** with private bathrooms
- * **Deluxe Cabins** with private bathrooms

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE HOUSING. Weinberg lodge is our most suitable housing for those who have difficulty walking or walking long distances. Weinberg #1 or #2 is fully wheelchair accessible. We have one portable wheel chair, which is available for your use.

> **If you would like to use the wheelchair, please tell us ahead of time so we can have it ready for you.**

KEYS. None of our rooms require keys. This is country living! Isabella Freedman is in a very safe location and we do not feel the need to lock our doors.

KEEPING VALUABLES IN YOUR ROOMS. If your guests have valuables they are not comfortable storing in their unlocked rooms, they are welcome to use the safe deposit box located in the office. Again, please note that our surroundings are extremely safe and we have never had a problem with theft.

HOUSING PLANNER. Because we have a small office staff, we ask your assistance in planning your guests' room assignments. We will give you a housing planner form with the exact layout of our lodges and guest rooms. Please fill in the form with the names of your guests in their assigned rooms. (Most couples assign their guests to rooms without asking each guest for their room preference.)

> **You will need to send the completed housing planner form to us at least 2 weeks prior to the wedding.**

SUGGESTED PACKING LIST FOR YOUR GUESTS. We

suggest that they bring anything that they might bring to a hotel for the weekend. Our rooms are supplied with towels, linens, and soap. Our pool is open from late May to September, so bring a bathing suit for these months. We're in the mountains, and temperatures vary greatly. Be prepared for cool nights, even during the summer months.

BABYSITTERS. Babysitting services can be arranged. Your babysitting options are:

- * **Sitter for already tucked in/sleeping children:** You house all of the children who may need sitters in the same lodge. If the children in each lodge will be tucked in by their parents or already asleep, you only need to hire 1 sitter per lodge. In this case, the sitter is primarily responsible for being "on watch" to make sure the children are safe and don't need anything specific. If a child does wake up and the sitter is not able to put him/her to sleep easily the sitter will send for the parents.
- * **Sitter for awake, played with, and entertained children:** You need to hire one sitter for up to two children under the age of 5, one sitter for up to three children between the ages of 5-8, and/or one sitter for every four children over the age of 8. For safety there must be at least one sitter in each of the lodges if babysitting is taking place during "bed time hours." Babysitters can not travel back and forth between lodges.
- * **Sitter for individual families:** If you have a family who would like to hire a "private" sitter for any duration of the weekend please indicate how many and the times on your Wedding Planning Form.

> **If you would like to use babysitters, you must inform us of your babysitting request 3 weeks before your event date.**

OUR STAFF. Our housekeeping and maintenance staff are available to you from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. They are also available during off hours for major emergencies. Our retreat center coordinator is on-call and available to you 24 hours a day during your entire retreat.

Ceremony

INDOOR WEDDING CEREMONY LOCATION. If you have 120 or fewer guests, we highly recommend using our glass-walled synagogue for your ceremony. If there are more than 120 guests but fewer than 175, we suggest you hold the ceremony in the great hall or in our windowed dining hall.

OUTDOOR WEDDING CEREMONY LOCATION. Many couples choose to hold their outdoor wedding ceremony on the beautiful lawn next to the gazebo overlooking Lake Miriam.

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER. We will inform you of the forecasted weather conditions 12 hours before your event. At that time you will need to decide whether to hold your ceremony inside or outside.

> **If you are holding your event outside, weather permitting, please make sure to fully plan your indoor rain options and give us the appropriate instructions on your Wedding Planning Form.**

EVENING CEREMONIES HELD OUTDOORS. If you are planning an evening outdoor wedding, please make sure to inform us well in advance so we can ensure there is appropriate lighting.

SOUND EQUIPMENT FOR THE CEREMONY. We can provide a microphone that's attached to one large speaker. The sound is more than adequate, but if you want surround sound, we can assist you in renting additional speakers.

Reception

WEDDING RECEPTION LOCATIONS. Depending on the size of your wedding party and the atmosphere you want to create, there are two viable options for your reception: our main lodge or in a rented tent set up on the property.

MAIN LODGE. We have had a handful of wedding receptions inside our main lodge and it has worked out really well for groups of 120 or less. The Wedding Coordinator will work with you on the details of how this can work best for you, but below is a sample schedule using our indoor space:

- * Wedding reception (outside or inside the synagogue)
- * Passed hors d'oeuvres and cocktails served in great hall and lounge.
- * Dinner in the main dining room
- * Dancing in the great hall
- * Dessert buffet in the lounge (while dancing is still going on in great hall)

TENT. A tent is an excellent and elegant option for larger wedding parties of 120 people or more. Our preferred vendor, Mahaiwe Tents, will provide you with a list of tent options and sizes. You will discuss all of your options and order directly from them.

Isabella Freedman has worked with Mahaiwe Tents for many years. We have found them to be reliable, responsible, and the most affordable tent provider in the area. However, you are welcome to use any tent company you would like.

IF YOU PLAN ON LOTS OF ISRAELI DANCING. From past experience, we recommend you choose a dance floor one size larger than the one suggested.

SETTING UP. If you need your tables and chairs set up by a certain time for the reception, for whatever reason, please indicate this on your planning form. For example, some florists may request tablecloths placed on the tables at least 3 hours prior to the reception.

Retreat Center Facilities

The entire retreat center is yours for the duration of your wedding weekend. To help you plan your weekend activities, here are brief descriptions of our facilities.

GREAT HALL. Includes open space that comfortably fits up to 225 people (seated lecture style). There is also a fireplace, piano, and fully equipped performance stage. Some couples have held the wedding party in this room.

LOUNGE. Includes open space that comfortably fits up to 150 people (seated lecture style). There is a big-screen television, couches, comfortable lounge chairs, and game tables.

GAME ROOM. Ping pong, pool table, and more.

YURT. A circular building for yoga (there are 20 mats), meditation (cushions provided). The yurt is also equipped with a surround sound stereo system, hot and cold water urn, dimmable lights, and 2 tables (with option to bring in more). Comfortably fits 25–40 people for activities and about 15 people for yoga or movement classes.

GLASS-WALLED SYNAGOGUE. With views of the lake, and seating for 120, a Torah and ark, Jewish library, and various prayer books. The chairs are able to be rearranged if needed.

ARTS AND CRAFTS BUILDING. Includes 2 long tables with benches.

PLAYING FIELDS AND TENNIS COURT. Ample space for kickball games, softball games, volleyball matches, relay races, and more.

POOL AND LAKE. On your planning form, please indicate when/if you want the pool and/or lake open for your guests. Isabella Freedman requires you to hire a certified Isabella Freedman lifeguard for the entire time you wish either space to be open. The lifeguard fee is \$25 an hour. If you cancel the lifeguard due to inclement weather, you will be charged half of the anticipated fee.

INTERNET/PHONE. There is wireless internet in our main building and pay phones available for guest use. Cell phone coverage is very spotty. Verizon and AT&T have coverage.

Dining and Meals

DINING AT ISABELLA FREEDMAN. Your weekend wedding package includes all meals from Friday afternoon through Sunday lunch. There is an additional charge for the wedding banquet.

We offer a variety of delicious Glatt Kosher menu options to meet all palates and budgets. Our meals are prepared only with the highest-quality ingredients—much of our produce is organic and grown on our own farm in season. Our Executive Chef will work with you to design your ideal wedding menu. Vegetarian, vegan, and organic options are all available.

The sample weekend menu reflects what we do best. You are also welcome to suggest new menu items and we will gladly make any changes if we are able. If requests add significant additional costs, we will pass those charges along to you.

All of our meals are served buffet style. If you would like any weekend meal to be plated, there is a \$250 fee per meal. The additional price for a plated wedding banquet meal will depend on the complexity of the meal and number of guests.

CHILDREN'S MEALS. Please see our meal planning forms and indicate how many children you expect and check off one of our "Child friendly food" options. We will need the final count of children's meals at the same time you give us your final count of adults.

> **Inform us of the final count for children's meals at the same time you tell us your final count of adult meals.**

SPECIAL FOOD REQUESTS. On the RSVP card, make sure to include the question "Check here if you have special food requests including vegetarian, no red meat, and/or food allergies." Make sure to leave a space for your guests to fill in any specifics.

> **Please notify us of any special food requests 2 weeks before your event.**

BENCHERS (WITH THE MEAL BLESSINGS). We have 200 benchers with English, Hebrew, and transliteration for your use.

DINING STAFF. During the weekend, our kitchen and wait staffs wear Isabella Freedman T-shirts. During your wedding reception, the wait staff wears button-down shirts and black pants.

Sample Weekend Menu

The Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center is committed to providing you with Glatt kosher wholesome food that is sustainably grown and locally produced when possible.

This sample menu is for a wedding weekend with a Sunday wedding reception. Please note that substitutions are occasionally made due to reasonable availability and/or strong chef preference.

Always Available at the Beverage Bar

- * Ice water, coffee, tea,
- * Fruit

Friday Afternoon Arrival Snack

- * Freshly baked cookies
- * Fruit
- * Assorted crackers and cheese
- * Herbal iced tea, fruit punch

Friday Dinner

- * Challah
- * Squash soup (fall) or matzo ball soup
- * Mixed vegetable salad
- * Basmati rice with herbs
- * Roasted organic rosemary chicken
- * *Vegetarian option:* Stuffed portabella mushrooms with tofu
- * Steamed broccoli and cauliflower *or* Sautéed greens with garlic
- * *Kids:* Spaghetti with marinara sauce
- * Chocolate cake

Saturday Breakfast

- * Bagels, lox, and all the trimmings
- * Fresh fruit platter
- * Organic cereals and homemade granola
- * Yogurt and juices

Saturday Lunch

- * Salad of tossed organic greens
- * Vegetarian tempeh stew
- * Organic chicken salad or cold cut platter for sandwiches
- * Black bean, corn, and red onion salad
- * Quinoa salad with pinto beans and red peppers
- * Roasted beet and fennel salad with rosemary
- * Brownies

Saturday Dinner

- * Braised wild Pacific salmon with roast pepper coulis
- * Red potato salad in virgin olive oil with fresh herbs
- * Homemade humus with pita
- * Tuna salad with dill
- * Curried tofu salad
- * Tabouli salad
- * *Kids:* Macaroni and cheese
- * Ice cream sundaes

Sunday Breakfast

- * Challah French toast with real maple syrup
- * Egg frittata with feta cheese and spinach
- * Cereals and granola
- * Oatmeal
- * Fresh fruit and yogurt

Sunday Lunch/Dinner

- * Wedding Meal (see wedding banquet on the next page)

Sample Wedding Menu (A Dairy Option)

Appetizers

Vietnamese spring rolls with rice vinegar sauce
Sun-dried tomato, olive and herb phyllo bundles
Belgian endive leave filled with salmon pate and mirco-greens
Roasted rep pepper canapés with goat cheese
Red and yellow cherry tomatoes filled with smoked trout



Dinner, plated or buffet

Organic arugula and fennel salad with maple glazed black walnuts, goat cheese, pomegranates, and baby beets
Sesame-crustd tuna steak with miso glaze
or
Fettuccini with heirloom tomato and mushroom ragout
Served with woodland mushrooms, McEnroe Farm fingerling potatoes, and autumn vegetables



Dessert

Isabella Freedman honey lavender crème brulee
with Concord grape coulis



Planning Your Wedding Meal

We will arrange a detailed telephone or in-person meeting with you and our Executive Chef. Together, you will plan your entire wedding meal tailored to your taste and budget.

Wedding Banquet

BANQUET PRICES. Prices for the wedding banquet start at \$85 per adult/youth and includes the cost of service. If the banquet is held inside our dining hall, this price also includes our own linens, chairs, silverware, flatware, glassware and tables. If the banquet is held in a tent outside, Isabella Freedman will provide the flatware, silverware and glassware, but tables, linens and chairs must be rented separately.

Additional fees that are typically charged by hotels are included in the wedding banquet price. These include fees for labor (overtime billing), set-up, wine opening, cake-cutting valet, and candle lighting.

BAND MEMBERS. Band members are welcome to eat the wedding meal at a 50% reduced rate.

OUTSIDE CATERERS. There is a \$2,000 fee if you decide to use an outside caterer for the wedding meal. Because we are a kosher facility, your caterer will not have access to our kitchen. Your caterer will have to assemble an outdoor kitchen area (most caterers are equipped to do this) and you will have to rent all of the dishware. The caterer will also have to use their own wait staff.

ALCOHOL. We recommend purchasing wine and alcohol from the Cordial Shoppe, a reliable local vendor. (See Vendor List.) You place your order directly with the Cordial Shoppe and arrange for payment. The Cordial Shoppe is able to assist you in determining the right amount and types of beverages to order for your reception.

Before the wedding, the Cordial Shoppe will deliver your order to Isabella Freedman. Our staff will take care of receiving and storing your alcoholic beverages when they are delivered. At the end of the weekend, the Cordial Shoppe will pick up any unopened bottles, for which you will receive a refund.

BARTENDERS. If you hire bartenders through Isabella Freedman, we require one bartender for every 40 guests. Bartenders charge \$40 an hour, and require at least one hour for set up and one hour for breakdown at the end of the reception. Our bartenders will be prepared to make any of the drinks listed on the Standard Bar Drinks form. If you would like us to prepare any special drinks not on this form, please provide us with appropriate recipes.

Our bartenders will gather and box any left over returnable alcohol to be picked up by the Cordial Shoppe the following day. The Cordial Shoppe will then send you a refund check.

SERVING INSTRUCTIONS. We are happy to set up and serve your alcohol throughout your weekend and/or during your reception. Please let the Wedding Coordinator know if you have specific requests for certain beverages (e.g., "We like the red and white Baron Herzog wine served on Friday night"). We also suggest that you give our Wedding Coordinator a printed list of the alcohol you purchased so our receiving line will know if the appropriate boxes/bottles were delivered.

Guest Arrival and Registration

ARRIVAL TIME FOR YOU AND YOUR IMMEDIATE FAMILY.

You and your immediate family may arrive as early as 1:00 p.m. on Friday. Please note that there may still be another group on-site and that your rooms may not be ready until 4:00 pm.

GUEST ARRIVAL. Guest check-in begins at 4:00 p.m. Friday.

GUEST REGISTRATION. We suggest that you appoint family and/or friends to staff a registration table during the hours when the majority of your guests will be arriving to Isabella Freedman (3-6 p.m.). Shifts of 1½ hours over a 3 hour period seem to work very well.

Most people prefer to set up the registration table by the front office or inside the recreation room. We're happy to discuss the advantages of both with you. You should begin staffing the table one hour before you tell your guests to arrive.

At the registration table you can distribute retreat center maps (which we will provide you) and a schedule of events for your weekend. Housing assignments will also be posted at the registration table. Some people also choose to create nametags for all of their guests, with the housing assignment written on the back of each nametag. There is a copy machine and office supplies in our office for your use.

WELCOME SNACKS. Included in the cost of your retreat package are welcome snacks including fruit, vegetables, home-made cookies, and cheese and crackers.

IF GUESTS ARRIVE AFTER DINNER OR LATER. Please inform your guests before the weekend that if they arrive after dinner to go directly to the main office to pick up their registration packets. Their packets will be arranged alphabetically on the front desk for "self check in."

GIFT BASKETS FOR GUEST ROOMS. You are welcome to invite a friend or family member to arrive at the site by 1:00 on Friday to help you with any pre-weekend setup, such as welcome baskets, putting chocolates on your guests' pillows, names on room doors, etc.

HIRING OUR STAFF FOR PRE-WEEKEND SETUP. You may also hire our staff for an additional charge to do any of these pre-weekend setup activities, such as making welcome baskets and staffing the registration table. Please let us know at least 2 weeks prior to your wedding if you would like to use our services.

When Do You Need Our Final Wedding Planning Form?

We need your completed Wedding Planning Form (including a detailed list of room set-ups, shuttle service information, and special requests) 2 weeks before your wedding.

Set Up and Equipment

DELIVERIES BEFORE YOUR EVENT. If you would like to have a package delivered before your wedding weekend (with supplies or decorations for your event), please make sure your name is indicated on the outside of the package. Also, please inform us ahead of time how many packages we should be expecting. We will place them in our office or a storage room for you to pick up when you arrive.

SETTING UP COMMON ROOMS. As long as you provide us with a description and diagram of your room set-ups (see Wedding Planning Form) we will gladly set up our rooms using our tables and chairs anyway you desire. You will be responsible for orchestrating the set-up of any other decorations—balloons, posters, bride chairs, tapestries on the wall, etc.

PRAYER BOOKS FOR SERVICES. We have the following prayer books on hand for your use: The Complete Artscroll (90), Kol Haneshama (52), Birnbaum (32), Berman House (110), Sim Shalom (40), Marcia Prager for Friday Night (75), Zaslav Renewal (50), Chumashim (170 copies).

CANDLES. You may light candles in any of our retreat spaces as long as they are in glass cups. We can provide large quantities of tea lights for Shabbat.

ELECTRICAL OUTLETS. There is access to electrical outlets in all of our activity spaces.

ELECTRICAL POWER. Our power source can handle electric lighting for evening outdoor affairs and amplifiers for the band. You do not need a generator. Additionally, you do not need to hire an electrician. Our staff will take care of plugging everything in for you. It is important that you ask your band members how many outlets they will need for their equipment and communicate that information to us.

MICROPHONES AND SPEAKERS. Microphones and speakers are available to you all weekend. If you need them, please make sure to indicate where and when on your Wedding Planning Form so we know when to set them up for you.

FILM PROJECTOR AND MOVIE SCREEN. You can rent a digital projector and screen for \$150 dollars to show a movie and/or slides. The rental price includes the cost of a person to set it up and run the projector for you.

CHAIRS. There are 120 wooden chairs in the dining room, 120 metal folding chairs (red and black), and 100 chairs in the synagogue (green and silver). Our staff will gladly set up our metal folding chairs for any activity in any space. Many guests chose to rent uniform chairs for their wedding party and wedding ceremony. See Vendor List for more information.

TABLES. We have 15 round tables in our dining room. We also have 20 six-foot rectangular tables that can be moved anywhere on site. If you need additional tables or chairs you are welcome to rent them. See Vendor List for more information.

SPORTS EQUIPMENT. You and your guests have unlimited use of tennis rackets and balls, volleyball, basketball, kickball, horse shoes, ping pong paddles and ball, and pool table equipment.

GUEST ROOM CHARGES. The cost of your guests' rooms is included in the Weekend Wedding Package total. In other words,

WEEKEND WEDDING PACKAGE. Prices for the Weekend Wedding Package at Isabella Freedman:

- * \$269 per adult
- * \$175 per youth (ages 6–16)
- * \$125 per child (ages 2–5)
- * Children under 2 are free

There is a minimum requirement of \$30,000 for the Weekend Wedding Package. A 18% Gratuity is added for support staff. There is no tax.

WEDDING BANQUET. Prices for the wedding banquet (not included in package price above).

- * Prices start at \$85 per adult and youth
- * Children ages 2–5 are charged 50% of the adult price
- * Children under 2 are free

ADDITIONAL SERVICES. We also provide the following services for your convenience at competitive rates:

- * Bartenders @ \$40/hour. We recommend one bartender for every 40 guests.
- * Lifeguards (required) for use of pool and lake @ \$25/hour.
- * Babysitting @ \$20/hour.
- * Shuttle service in our 15 passenger van to the airport or train station @ \$30 per person (airport) and \$15 per person (train station) one way.
- * On-site massage @ \$85/hour.
- * Variety of program options including yoga, guided nature hikes, ropes course challenges, river rafting or canoeing on the Housatonic River, and more. Prices depend on activity.

COMPLIMENTARY SERVICES

- * Hour-long on-site massages by our own professional masseuse for both the bride and groom.
- * Logistical coordination and support leading up to the event and throughout the weekend.
- * Set up of all program areas and dining facilities throughout the weekend.
- * Recommendations for the best local vendors.
- * Organic and locally grown produce when available.
- * All the little extras: S'more materials for campfires; Kosher wine for Shabbat dinner; Havdallah candles and spices for Saturday night; Champagne in *Yichud*; and much more.

Isabella Freedman does not charge your guests separate fees for accommodations. However, most couples do charge their guests a fee for accommodations, which helps to offset the overall cost of the Weekend Wedding Package. We are happy to assist you in determining an appropriate guest room charge.

If you decide to charge your guests for their accommodations, here's what to do:

1. You will need to decide how much your guests should pay.
2. Instruct your guests to write checks out to "Isabella Freedman," and have them return the checks to you or to someone else you designate. (It's a good idea to send an accommodations form along with your wedding invitation.)
3. It is your responsibility to collect your guests' checks. At the end of your wedding weekend, you will hand us all of your guests' checks.
4. If the total amount collected is more than your total Weekend Wedding Package bill, then we will issue you a refund. If the amount of your guests' checks is less than your total bill, you will pay us the balance owed.

Sample Wedding Budget Worksheet

This sample worksheet is for 150 guests (120 adults, 20 youth, and 10 children).

Isabella Freedman Services	Estimated Cost
Weekend Wedding Package	
\$269 × 120 adults	
\$175 × 20 youth	
\$125 × 10 children	\$37,030
Wedding Banquet	
\$85 × 140 guests	\$11,900
Additional Services	
Bartenders (4 for 5 hours)	\$ 800
Lifeguards (10 hours)	\$ 250
Shuttle service	\$ 400
18% Gratuity	\$ 8,665
Outside Vendor Services	
Photographer	\$ 2,500
Officiant	\$ 250
Flowers	\$ 500
Music (4 hours)	\$ 2,500
Alcohol	\$ 1,500
Cake	\$ 400
TOTAL	\$66,695
<i>Minus 80% of Wedding Package fee passed to guests by way of room charges (should you choose to do this)</i>	
	-\$29,624
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST TO WEDDING PARTY	\$37,071

Travel and Transportation

WHERE WE ARE LOCATED. Isabella Freedman is located at 116 Johnson Road, Falls Village, Connecticut. We are approximately 2 hours by car from New York City and 3 hours from Boston in the Connecticut Berkshires.

BY CAR: See the directions on our web site at www.isabellafreedman.org. There is ample free parking on site.

BY TRAIN FROM NEW YORK CITY. Take Metro North line to the Wassaic Train Station, about a 30 minute drive to the retreat center. Ticket prices range from \$12 to \$16, one way.

BY PLANE. Bradley International Airport is approximately one hour and fifteen minutes by car to Freedman.

SHUTTLE FROM/TO THE AIRPORT OR TRAIN STATION. Shuttle service is available to your guests from 7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., 7 days a week. Prices are one-way:

- * \$30 per person (\$60 minimum) from Bradley Airport
- * \$15 per person from the Wassaic Train Station

> **Shuttle rides must be coordinated at least 1 week prior to your wedding.**

With less than one week notice, we will do our best to give your guest a shuttle ride, but we cannot guarantee that a ride will be available.

ARRANGING SHUTTLE SERVICE. We suggest that you appoint a trusted (and organized) friend or family member to deal with all individual transportation requests. The Wedding Coordinator does not book individual shuttle requests. The Wedding Coordinator hires the drivers and arranges the shuttles and times once they have the final shuttle request list from you. If your guests call Isabella Freedman to arrange an individual ride they will be redirected to your appointed transportation coordinator. See the sample Transportation Form below.

PAYING FOR THE SHUTTLE. Isabella Freedman collects the shuttle fees from you, not from individual guests. The final cost of the shuttle service will be included in your final bill. It is up to you if and how you want to collect the shuttle fees from your guests.

TAXI SERVICE. If your guests didn't arrange a place on the shuttle in advance or if they need transportation when our shuttle doesn't run, they can call Lakeville Taxi at (860) 435-8000. They must do this at least 24 hours in advance. Taxi prices are about \$40 from Metro North Wassaic Train Station and about \$100 from Bradley International Airport.

RENTING A BUS FROM NEW YORK CITY. If you have a lot of guests coming from New York, you may wish to rent a bus to drive your guests to the retreat center. A 42-passenger bus costs approximately \$700 each way from NYC. We will be happy to arrange this for you. To guarantee a bus we suggest that you book one at least one month in advance. We suggest you send a Transportation Form (see sample) to your guests along with their registration materials.

SAMPLE TRAVEL FORM

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR TRAVEL INFORMATION

_____ will be traveling to Isabella Freedman:
YOUR NAME(S)

By car from _____. I/we have space to drive other guests: _____ (Number of Spaces).

By train from NYC to the Metro North Wassaic Train Station.

Arrival: I/we would like to reserve _____ number of spaces in the shuttle from the Wassaic Train Station to Freedman on Friday. My train leaves NYC at 1:48 p.m., 3:45 p.m., or 4:36 p.m. (Circle One)

Departure: I/we would like to reserve _____ number of spaces in the shuttle from Freedman to Wassaic on Sunday. My train leaves Wassaic at 4:21 p.m. or 6:15 p.m. (Circle One)

By plane to the Bradley International Airport.

My/our flight arrives at Bradley International at this time _____ on this date _____.

Airline _____ Flight number _____

We would like to reserve _____ spaces in your shuttles from and to the airport. *Minimum price for shuttle is \$60.*

By coach bus from NYC.

Number of seats: _____ Round-Trip One Way to Isabella Freedman (Fri) One Way to NYC (Sun)

The Wedding Party is planning to rent a coach bus that will leave from New York City at 3:00 p.m. on Friday and return by 8:00 p.m. on Sunday. The cost is \$30 per person each way. Please let us know if you would like a seat on this bus.

Preferred Vendors

TENT RENTALS

Mahaiwe Tent Company

413-528-5945 or 1-800-879-8155
www.mahaiwetent.com.

Taylor Rental

Torrington, CT
860-489-7275
www.taylorrentalct.com

BANDS

Pey Dalid

Jonathan Greenstein: (914) 804-2750
www.peydalid.com

Metropolitan Klezmer

Eve Sicular: 212-475-4544
www.metropolitanklezmer.com

Klezamir

Amherst, Massachusetts
Amy Rose: 413-253-3831
www.klezamir.com

Paul Shapiro Band

Home: 212-979-9001
pager: 917-856-9586
paulshapiro@nyc.rr.com

D.J.

Ethan Carey's Dance Machine

New Fairfield, Connecticut
800-745-5474

Party Zone

Thomaston, Connecticut
Patrick Martone: 860-283-8286
www.partyzonedjs.com

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Rich Pomerantz

Washington Depot, CT
860-335-3356
www.richportraits.com

Patrik Colquhoun

Essex, CT
860-767-9002
www.pc-foto.com

Leonard Yakir Photography

Brooklyn, NY 11215
718-788-1118
Lyphoto.com

OUTSIDE CATERERS

(There is an additional \$2,000 fee if you chose to use an outside caterer for your wedding meal.)

Kosher**Margery Gussak catering**

Manchester, CT
860-643-9924
800-726-0185

Kosher**Steve Herman Catering**

800-2-HERMAN
Connecticut

Organic/Natural**Megan Moore Fine Foods**

Great Barrington, MA
www.moorefinefoods.com
413-528-4500

KETUBAH AND INVITATIONS

Gayn Eden

Colrain, Massachusetts
Peggy David: 413-624-3204
www.hebrewlettering.com

ALCOHOL

The Cordial Shoppe

Canaan, CT
Claudia: 860-824-7407

Free delivery/pick up for bulk orders. You may return unopened bottles for a refund.

SALONS

Shear Illusions

Sharon, CT
860-364-5111

Studio 81 Hair

Sharon, CT
Lori: 860-364-9855

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Town Clerk of Canaan (in Falls Village)
107 Main St. Falls Village, CT 06031
860- 824-0707

Local Inns and Bed & Breakfasts

FALLS VILLAGE, CT (2 minutes away)

Mountain Side Cabins
Route 7 North
860-824-7886
Least expensive option
4 guest cabins

Falls Village Inn
33 Railroad Street
860-824-4910
Website: www.fallsvillageinn.com

LIMEROCK, CT (4 minutes away)

The Inn at White Hollow Farm
Junction of Routes 7 and 112
Call Monday-Friday, 9:30 am – 5 pm
860-435-8185
Website: www.whitehollowfarm.com

Surrey Bed & Breakfast
Route 112 (across from race track)
860-435-2862

LAKEVILLE, CT (10 minutes away)

Interlaken Inn
74 Interlaken Road (Route 112)
Lakeville, Connecticut 06039
800-222-2909
Website: www.interlakeninn.com
82 guest rooms

Inn at Iron Masters
229 Main Street (Route 44)
Lakeville, CT 06039
860-435-9844
Website: www.innatironmasters.com

Wake Robin Inn
106 Sharon Rd (Route 41)
Lakeville, CT 06039
860-435-2000
Website: www.wakerobinn.com

CORNWALL BRIDGE, CT (10 minutes away)

Cornwall Inn
270 Kent Road, Scenic Route 7
Cornwall Bridge, Connecticut 06754
800-786-6884
Website: www.cornwallinn.com

SALISBURY, CT (15 minutes away)

The White Hart Inn
The Village Green
Salisbury, Connecticut 06068
800-832-0041
Website: www.whitehartinn.com

SHARON, CT (15 minutes away)

Sharon Motor Lodge
1 Calkinstown Road
Sharon, Connecticut 06069
860-364-0036
Website: www.sharonmotorlodge.com

MILLERTON, NY (15 minutes away)

Simmons Way Village Inn
Main Street, Rt 44
Millerton, NY 12546
518-789-6235
Website: www.simmonsway.com

SHEFFIELD, MA (25 minutes away)

Birch Hill Bed & Breakfast
254 S. Undermountain Rd.(Route 41)
Sheffield, MA 01257
800-359-3969
Website: www.birchhillbb.com

Race Brook Lodge
864 Under Mountain Road (Route 41)
Sheffield, MA 01257
888-725-6343
Website: www.rblodge.com

Ramblewood Inn
400 S. Undermountain Road (Route 41)
Sheffield MA 01257
800-854-1862
Website: www.ramblewood-inn.com

LITCHFIELD, CT (30 minutes away)

Tollgate Hill Inn
571 Torrington Rd (Rt 202)
Litchfield, CT 06759
866-567-1233
Website: www.tollgatehill.com