

MOTHER OF THE GROOM CHEAT SHEET

Prewedding

- Contact mother of the bride if the families are not acquainted (or plan a celebration even if you have met)
- Attend (first) engagement party if the bride's family hosts one
- Along with your husband, may host an additional engagement party for groom's side of the family
- Usually contribute to wedding budget
- May help couple decide on sites and/or make other big planning decisions
- Help groom put together family's guest list
- Offer suggestions for special family or ethnic ceremony traditions
- If you're close, may help bride shop for her wedding gown
- Choose your own wedding-day outfit (may consult with mother of the bride about formality)
- Along with your husband, plan and host the rehearsal dinner

At ceremony

- Are escorted by an usher (sometimes your son or husband) to your seat right before the mother of the bride is seated, if it's a Christian ceremony; in a Jewish ceremony, walk in procession with your son and husband and stand underneath huppah
- Walk in the recessional with your husband, if it's a Jewish wedding; in a Christian wedding, are escorted out after wedding party and bride's parents

At reception

- Greet guests in receiving line
- May be announced with her husband
- Sit in an honored place at parents' table
- Do mother-son dance with groom

Postwedding

- Attend or host postwedding brunch

Other _____

FATHER OF THE GROOM CHEAT SHEET

Prewedding

- Attend (first) engagement party if the bride's family hosts one
- Along with your wife, may host an additional engagement party for groom's side of the family
- Along with wife, usually contribute to wedding budget
- May help couple decide on sites and/or make other big planning decisions
- Rent your own formalwear (after talking with couple if you're to be coordinated with the wedding party); attend fittings as needed
- Along with your wife, plan rehearsal dinner
- On wedding day, may travel to ceremony with the groom and best man

At ceremony

- May escort your wife to her seat (right before the mother of the bride is seated) and before the Christian ceremony begins; if it's a Jewish wedding, walk down the aisle with your son and wife and stand under huppah

- Walk in the recessional with your wife in a Jewish wedding; in a Christian wedding, escort mother of the groom out after wedding party and bride's parents

At reception

- Greet guests in receiving line
- May be announced with your wife
- May make a welcoming speech
- Sit in an honored place at parents' table
- May toast the newlyweds
- May settle final bills with wedding vendors

Postwedding

- Attend or host postwedding brunch

Other _____