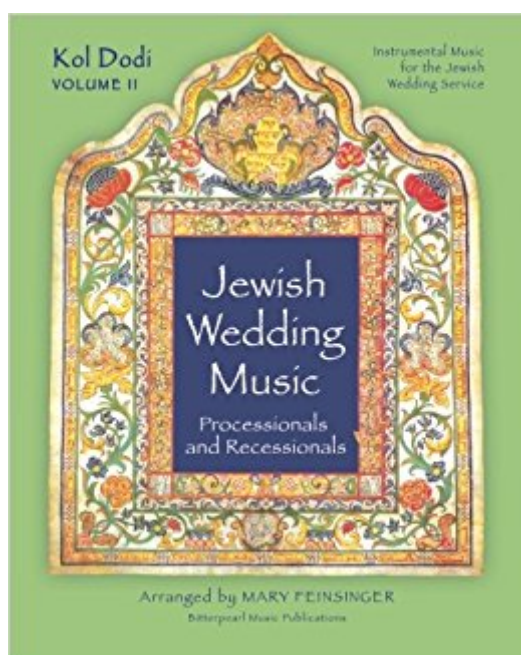


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# Jewish Wedding Music: Processionals And Recessionals: KOL DODI Vol. II: Instrumental Music For The Jewish Wedding Service



## Synopsis

JEWISH WEDDING MUSIC: PROCESSIONALS AND RECESSIONALS is a collection of instrumental music scores for the Jewish wedding ceremony. The music has been carefully selected and beautifully arranged to enhance the joy and awe of the Jewish marriage service. The selections reflect a variety of Jewish cultures – Eastern European, Sephardic, contemporary American, and Israeli. The arrangements provide flexibility in the choice of instruments and instrumental combinations: string quartet, piano solo, organ solo, trumpet, violin or flute with piano, and more. Until now, Jewish couples planning their weddings have been limited to music that is secular or comes from other religious traditions. JEWISH WEDDING MUSIC: PROCESSIONALS AND RECESSIONALS is a welcome alternative. All the music in the book is authentically Jewish. Some has never before been published. Other selections are old favorites that have been newly arranged. A valuable resource on its own, JEWISH WEDDING MUSIC: PROCESSIONALS AND RECESSIONALS can also serve as a companion to KOL DODI (Feinsinger; Transcontinental Publishing), a book of vocal scores for Jewish weddings, and to the two-CD set, also called KOL DODI (Feinsinger; Transcontinental Publishing) that contains recordings of pieces in both volumes.

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## Customer Reviews

Mary Feinsinger is an award-winning and widely respected composer/ arranger in the field of Jewish music. In addition to Jewish Wedding Music: Processionals and Recessionals and Kol Dodi: Jewish Music for Weddings, Feinsinger authored the invaluable resources Songs from a Passover Haggadah and Shirei Teshuvah: Songs of Repentance, published by Transcontinental Music-URJ Press. Feinsinger serves as cantor for the Rossmoor Jewish Congregation and is on the

board of directors of the American Society for Jewish Music. As co-founder, vocalist, and keyboard artist of the West End Klezmerim, she has performed at Carnegie Hall, The White House, Lincoln Center, Symphony Space, and St. Peter's Jazz Church. The New York Times has called Mary Feinsinger "the world's greatest Yiddish scat singer." A graduate of Barnard College and The Juilliard School, Feinsinger is on the Extension Division faculty of the Mannes College of Music in New York. She maintains a private studio in New York City. Discover more at [www.maryfeinsinger.com](http://www.maryfeinsinger.com).

Mary Feinsinger's magnificent arrangement of Jewish wedding classics - both Ashkenazi and Sephardic - is a jewel, which I found by "accident" on the Internet. I know of no others such collection - let alone any as wonderfully arranged. Highly recommended for lovers of Jewish music and for those planning a Jewish wedding. Its publisher should be doing a lot more promoting -- and no, I have no financial or other participation in this masterful work ( wish I did:)).

This was perfect for a beautiful wedding that The Shaw Strings played for in North Wales, PA. The family was very pleased with the arrangements.

Like Handel, but Jewish melodies. A useful tool for the ceremonies at Jewish weddings.

I was lucky enough to come across this superb collection by questioning the musicians at a close friend's wedding as to the source of the music they featured. Mary Feinsinger's arrangements of Jewish instrumental music are absolutely lovely. A professional musician myself, I have carefully read through the pieces in the collection. They include a range of processional, recessional and incidental music in a surprising variety of musical styles, arranged for various instruments and ensembles. There's something for everyone here (everyone, that is, interested in finding the perfect music for their Jewish wedding). Solo piece for cello? Check. Trumpet and keyboard processional? Check. Accompanied pieces for violin, oboe, clarinet, flute? Check. Piano solos? Check. There's even a string quartet. I can't imagine that this volume won't become a standard resource for Jewish wedding music. It certainly should!

Many of my friends and family members have gotten married in the past few years, and I've realized the importance of processional and recessional music in setting the mood for the entire event. Music is central to the Jewish religious experience. Most Jewish couples planning a wedding today want

music that reflects their heritage rather than the traditional selections from Wagner and Mendelssohn; but until now it's been hard to find instrumental music for a wedding ceremony that is stately, elegant, and authentically Jewish. Mary Feinsinger's book, *Jewish Wedding Music: Processionals and Recessionals* is the perfect solution to this problem. The selections in the book are fully rooted in Jewish culture and tradition. Feinsinger's arrangements are breathtakingly beautiful, embodying the joy, solemnity, and awe of the Jewish wedding ceremony. This book is a must-have for anyone planning a Jewish wedding. I wish I had had it when I got married! I will certainly recommend it to my family and my friends.

*JEWISH WEDDING MUSIC: PROCESSIONALS AND RECESSIONALS* is a must-have for any synagogue musician or anyone planning a Jewish wedding. The beautifully-arranged selections are drawn from a wide range of Jewish cultures, including Eastern European, Sephardic, Israeli, and of course contemporary American, some well-loved favorites and some welcome surprises. One of the volume's best features is the flexibility it offers in the choice of instrumentation, ranging from piano or organ solo to string quartet, trumpet, violin, and more. This volume is eminently worth buying on its own, but combine it with *KOL DODI*, Feinsinger's earlier volume of vocal music for Jewish weddings, and the two-CD set of pieces from both volumes (also called *KOL DODI*) and you have all you'll ever need for classy, beautiful, and authentically Jewish weddings.

With the publication of this book of instrumental scores, the author has completed a most impressive and much needed project that began with *Kol Dodi I*, an earlier collection of vocal arrangements. Together with the previously-released 2-CD set of pieces from both volumes, it is a tremendous resource for anyone wanting to enhance the setting of a wedding that will be both moving and based in tradition. These arrangements cover a variety of moods and modes, providing stylistic choices appropriate for both contemporary and more traditional marriage services. This is a truly comprehensive, beautiful collection.

The music in this book transports you to the most beautiful place. Mary Feinsinger's arrangements are triumphant, elegant and uplifting. Any couple, whether Jewish or not, will find the perfect music for their wedding ceremony here.

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