PRE-WEDDING

Not Seeing Each Other

Some people have a custom for a groom and bride not to see each other for the seven days leading up to their wedding.

Bride and Groom Fast

The bride and groom must not eat or drink any food from 72 minutes before sunrise on the day of their wedding, even if their wedding takes place after sunset on the following Jewish calendar day.

Bride to the Mikva

The bride must go to the *mikva* before she may have relations with her husband.

Groom to the Mikva

The groom should immerse himself in a *mikva* on his wedding day. He may immerse in the ocean, but should not be alone while immersing.

Offspring at Parent's Re-Marriage

A child should not attend the wedding of a parent, such as if the parent gets married after divorce, after the death of first spouse, or if never married--or halachically married--before his/her child was born.

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