

Sources for Planning Your Big Day

Where to Find the City's **BEST** Gowns, Bridesmaids' Dresses, Clothes for the Groom, Flowers, Caterers, and More

The 12 Coolest Cakes

50 Great Places to Say "I Do"

Tips

on Planning an Interfaith Ceremony, Finding a Band, Bridal-Party Gifts, Invitations,

Photographers, and Honeymoons

ROCK STARS

Choosing the **Perfect Ring**

\$5.99 (CANADA \$6.99)

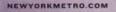


Jamie Rishar in a Michelle Roth gown and Harry Winston jewelry

BRIDAL BEAUTY

Where, When, and How to Do Your Makeup and Hair





Opposite, clockwise from top left:

Upward Spiral

Ron Ben-Israel Cakes

 42 Greene St.; 212-625-3369 weddingcakes.com
By appointment only

Ben-Israel has mastered the art of the sugar flower. Bold, realistic blossoms (a Parrot tulip is his latest favorite) adorn most of his glamorous but tasteful cakes; many seem more like sculptures than confections. Ben-Israel, a Martha Stewart favorite, will replicate patterns on your linens, dresses, and china. The flavors range from classic white with crushed vanilla-bean filling to chocolate with blood-orange or crunchy hazelnut (\$10 to \$15 per guest).

cake would make the Nutcracker proud, Cake by Balthazar Bakery.

Here Comes The Sun

For your sunny summer wedding, warm up to this all-buttercream dream's bright blooms and melt-in your-mouth frosting. Cake by the Cupcake Cafe.

Cocoa Loco

A garland of brilliant wild confectionery blooms cascades around this dark-chocolatefondant-frosting masterpiece, complete with piped buttercream pearls and edible gold detailing. Cake by Ron Ben-Israel of Ron Ben-Israel Cakes.