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As we have discussed there were so many things about the wedding that were fabulous and Larry and I were able to thoroughly enjoy ourselves because you were there to run the show. When Jenny told me this was her dream wedding, I felt a tremendous amount of joy and satisfaction. Throughout the evening and for the two weeks since the wedding, I have received so many positive comments from friends and family, it is like living the whole dream again and again. I do not want to brag but I think this was the wedding event of the year, at least according to my friends!

I can summarize the feedback as follows: the band was phenomenal, they kept the energy level very high, the food at the Post Oak Hilton was excellent (I got many compliments); the ambiance in the room, from the table linens from Elegant Beginnings to the spectacular floral arrangements designed by Plants and Petals was breathtaking; not to mention the lovely Chuppah and Mehitza.

The hotel staff were lovely and Rachel is the bomb when it comes to taking care of business. We enjoyed our suite very much and anything we needed was taken care of. Everything moved to a perfect rhythm due to your organization and efficiency. The comment I heard over and over was the wedding was elegant, warm and fun and that everyone had a wonderful time.

As I look back, I realize that the planning was very easy because you recommended top notch vendors and made the appointments very convenient either at your home or at the vendor's location. The only real stress was a certain R that will remain nameless, a zipper that had a mind of its own and the realization that I could not stay within budget due to all the extra cost associated with an orthodox wedding (we spent double budget) and during the planning all the questions I received from my guests. There was a lot of anxiety about what to wear, how it would work (the rules) because so few of them had attended an orthodox wedding. If you do another wedding like this (and I suspect you might because so many people commented on your skills) I would recommend putting attire information on or in the invitation--it was headache to have to keep replying). I also got a lot of questions about the weekend itself and where to buy gifts. Bottom line, I probably needed an information packet to go with the invitation and that would have saved me some phone calls and an emails. Note to self for the next one!

Joann, when I looked over at you during the ceremony, even though you were at the back of the room, I saw the tears. That was so poignant for me, I had to look away so I would not cry. It was so meaningful to have you as both my wedding planner, and a dear friend to share this major life event with me. Thank you!

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