

Opher Weds Sarah

Invite to a Bene Israel simcha

The photos in this spread are taken from the Mehendi, a Bene Israel traditional ceremony, as well as from the wedding ceremony of Opher and Sarah. Both events were held in the Shaar Hashamaim Synagogue (Gate Of Heaven Synagogue) that serves the Bene Israel community of Thane, India, located just outside of Mumbai. Shaar Hashamaim, consecrated in 1879, is steeped in tradition and history. While many of the wedding rituals captured are timeless and found in Jewish weddings worldwide, the photos also offer a glimpse of rituals and traditions unique to the Bene Israel community.

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