

Dear Community Members,

This is a reminder that, following the June 23rd poll and a unanimous Central Board vote, the following recommendations regarding pre-wedding events will go into effect starting December 1, 2025.

Over 69% of respondents supported the idea that bridal showers have become too costly and gift-focused, placing unnecessary pressure on guests. In response, and in line with our responsibility to support the unity and long-term welfare of the community, the Central Board is moving forward with the following:

Effective December 1, 2025:

- Gifts should not be brought or accepted at bridal showers, Hanna Bandoons, or similar pre-wedding events
- These events should not be held on Sundays

To support this, the Community Calendar will no longer accept requests to book bridal showers or similar events on Sundays.

We understand that customs evolve over time, and our goal is to ease the burden on families and guests while preserving the meaningful nature of these celebrations.

Thank you for your continued support,

The UMJCA Central Board