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The Three Wedding Bands

The process of searching for the right band

Linda L. Esterson

Special to the Jewish Times
 Whether you want your guests to "Rock and Roll All Nite" and party like it's "1999," or have an evening that's "Unforgettable," it's important to make sure you hire the right wedding band.

The search for the right wedding band is a process.

After Andy Wayne proposed to Lauren Misler in August 2008 and the serious planning began, he took on the task of finding a wedding band.

"I had an idea in my mind of having a solid amount of instruments with a good horn section," says Andy. "The weddings I've enjoyed had a lot of Motown and funk and R&B. That's what people like to dance to."

Wayne took to the Internet to search for Baltimore/Washington area bands. He knew his budget – staying

around \$5,000 – was less than the \$13,000-\$15,000 a friend paid through a Philadelphia agency, so he confined his search to local agencies. The agencies' Web sites provided video clips of the different bands so Andy was able to listen to snippets of songs and view the look of the bands.

It also helped that Andy and Lauren attended five weddings prior to their own on October 17, 2009 and they compared the bands at those affairs to the ones they were considering.

"The dealmaker for us was to see them in person," Andy adds. "If we're going to pay that kind of money we have to see the band in person, especially since I am into music."

Andy found a Web site for a band that looked "great on paper" and their

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