



afshan + david

April 16 | Brooklyn Botanic Garden's Palm House

photography by Mel Barlow & Co.

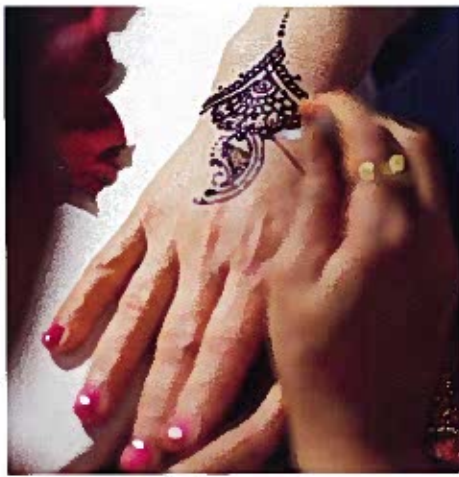
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Incorporating both of their cultures into the wedding was important to Afshan Ahmad (33 and an assistant radiology professor) and David Ornan (33 and also an assistant radiology professor). So the Brooklyn Botanic Garden's Palm House, which reminded Afshan of the rose-covered Pakistani weddings she'd attended as a child, provided the perfect setting—and inspiration for a botanical-themed wedding. Roses and gold accents paid tribute to Pakistani traditions, and as a nod to David's Israeli-Danish heritage, the couple married under a Jewish huppah. —AB



sweet treats During the last few songs, waiters passed out fresh-baked cookies with milk shooters. *the bouquet* Afshan held pink and cream roses for photos before switching to a bouquet of bright-red peonies for the ceremony. *the bridal style* Afshan loved how glamorous she felt in this Monique Lhuillier gown. The blooms on the bust fit the botanical garden theme, and her floral drop earrings completed the look. *the cake* A single 3-D bloom added an elegant touch to the otherwise simple buttercream cake. *the groomsmen* David and his groomsmen looked classy in black tuxes with ties—the groom stood out in a bow tie. *the reception décor* To bring the garden indoors, the couple filled the tables with low arrangements of tulips, roses and hydrangeas framed by tall cherry-blossom branches with hanging votives.







ingredients

Ceremony and Reception Site Palm House, Brooklyn Botanic Garden,
Brooklyn Photography Mel Barlow/
 Mel Barlow & Co. **Videography** Well
 Spun Wedding Films **Consultant**
 Shira Citron/Citron Event Planning;
 fashion consultant: Julie Sabatino/The
 Stylish Bride **Officiant** Mary Coburn
Gown Monique Lhuillier, Mark Ingram
Bridal Atelier, New York **Shoes**
 Manolo Blahnik **Hair** Jerami Brown/
 Paul Labrecque Salon & Spa **Makeup**
 Frank Guyton **Makeup Artist** Rings
 Michael C. Fina **Bridesmaid Dresses**
 Jenny Yoo, New York **Formalwear**
Groom: Hugo Boss, Bloomingdale's;
 groomsman: Calvin Klein, Men's
 Wearhouse **Invitations** Kate's Paperie
Escort Cards Shira Citron/Citron Event
 Planning; Quincy Ink **Flowers** Jen
 Stone/StoneKelly **Rental Equipment**
Lighting: Levy Lighting NYC **Catering**
 Palm House **Music** Ceremony,
 cocktail hour: Nathan and Camila,
 Élan Artists; reception: Uptown Mix,
 Vali Entertainment **Henna Artist**
 Sandy Patangay **Cake** Palm
 House; groom's cake: Honey Bee
 Cakes **Transportation** Campus
 Coach **Accommodations** Trump
 SoHo **Honeymoon** Hawaii