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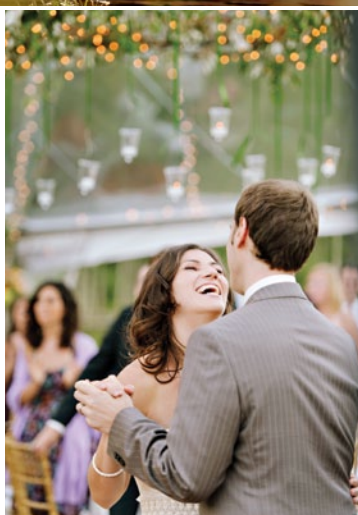
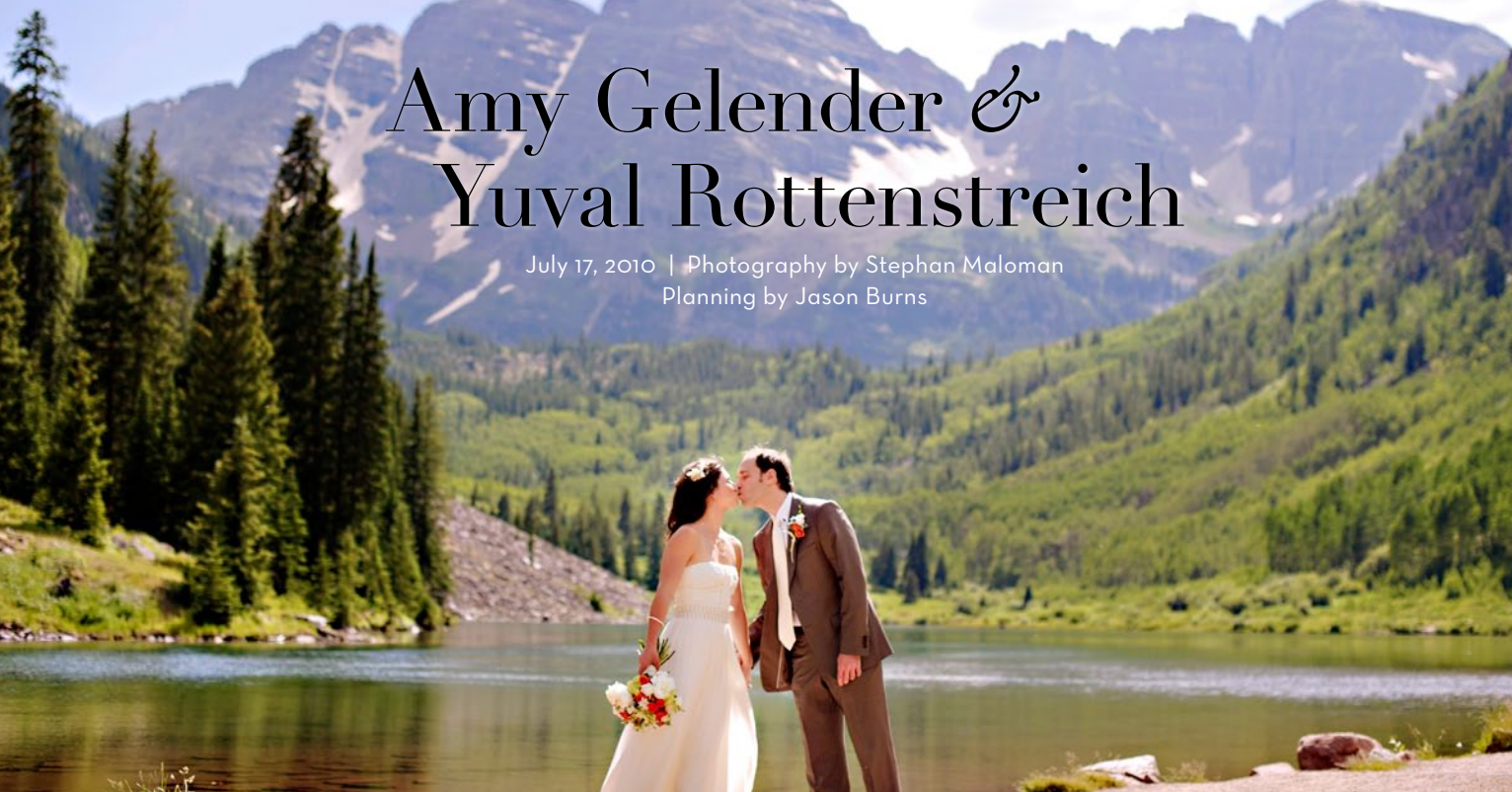
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Amy Gelender & Yuval Rottenstreich in the T-Lazy-7 Meadow. The bride wears a J.Crew gown with a Lela Rose belt, page 30.

Amy Gelender & Yuval Rottenstreich

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Who? A pair of food and travel fanatics from New York City. Prior to dating, the couple had each lived on opposite sides of the Big Apple—Yuval working as a management professor at NYU, Amy as an accounts supervisor for a large advertising firm.

As luck would have it, on March 23, 2007, they stood in line next to each other at a bar in the West Village. Yuval started chatting Amy up with a corny joke. It must have worked: By the time they reached the bar, a lively conversation was in full swing, and the rest is history. Today, Amy runs a contemporary clothing line, Threadware, with her fashion designer sister, specializing in edgy but flattering silk dresses and blouses.

Where? T-Lazy-7 Meadow.

What? A western fairy-tale wedding for 110 guests. Amy and Yuval considered a New York wedding, but ultimately decided that Aspen was a better reflection of the feeling they wished to achieve—warm and

luxurious without being stuffy.

While planning the wedding, Amy was also in the midst of launching her fashion line with her sister—a challenging coincidence, to say the least, but one that she claims taught her efficiency. “There were upsides,” says Amy. “Being so involved in fashion gave me the confidence to take a risk with ‘the dress’—which was J.Crew with a Lela Rose belt—instead of just beelining straight for a big-shot designer.” What’s more, when she, like so many brides, discovered that she had dropped a few dress sizes three weeks before the wedding, buying off-the-rack made downsizing a cinch.

The reception was a master class in enchanting wedding decor. From day one, the bride knew that a clear tent was a must: “It maximized the awe-inspiring views and gave us a starting point for everything else,” she says. Hundreds of hanging candles, twinkling lights, and colorful wildflowers reflected against the ceiling to lovely effect, making the event every bit as stylish as its fashionable bride.

From top, the Maroon Bells are a perfect backdrop for the couple’s first kiss; the bride and groom share a joyful moment on the dance floor; wildflowers and hanging candles set a cheerful tone for the reception.