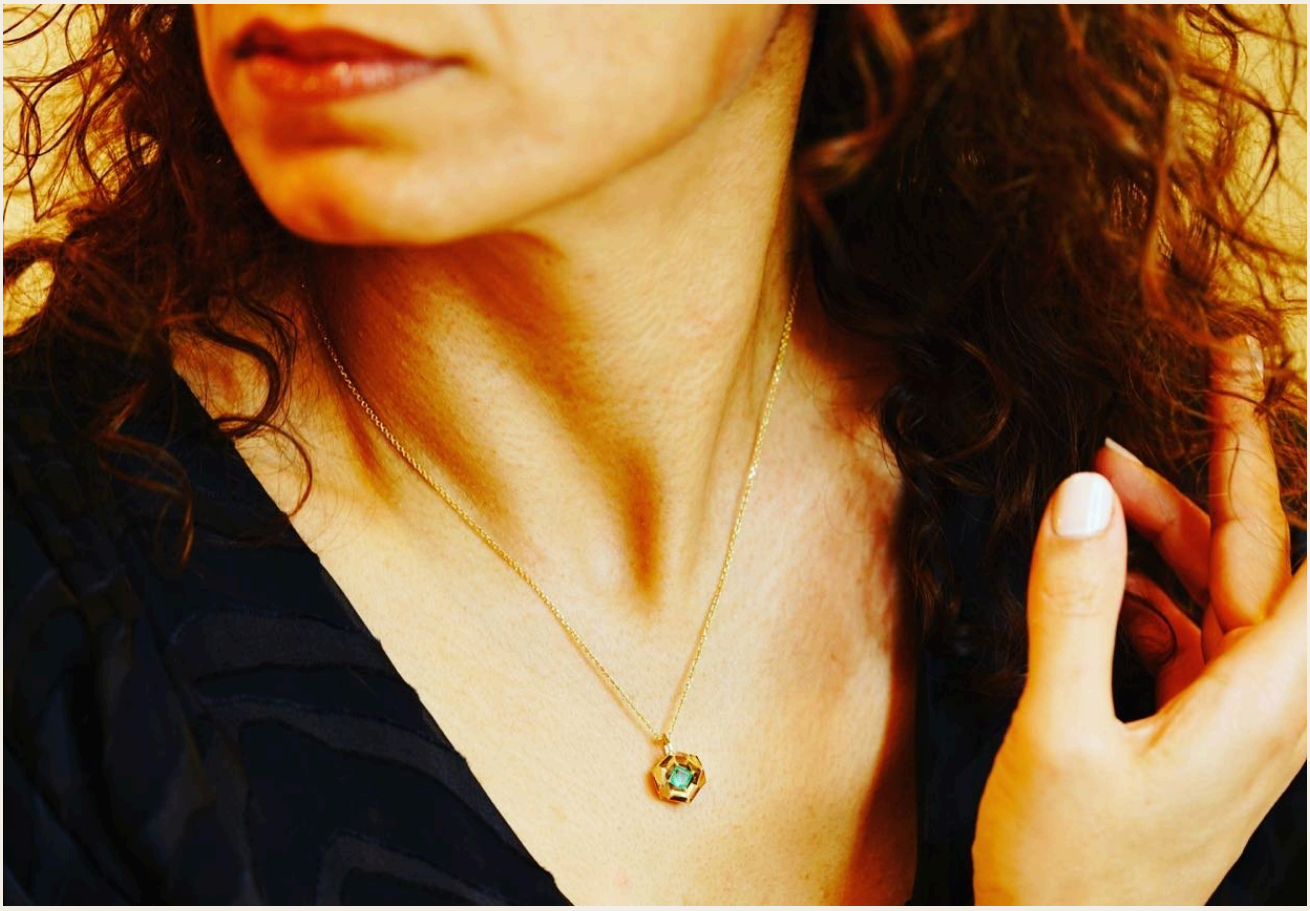


Heirlooms for Every Tradition

The days families celebrate with gold, and how we make the pieces.

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HEIRLOOMS

Every family celebrates in its own way.

Many of the world's traditions live side by side in Los Angeles. We love making jewelry for all of them.

This guide shows some of the days families bring to us: weddings, first birthdays, growing up, holidays, faith, and stones passed from parents to children.

It is a start, not a set of rules. Every family is different, and we follow yours.

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Rings, gold and wedding gifts.



JEWISH

The wedding ring

In many Jewish weddings, under the chuppah, the ring is a plain band of solid metal, with no stones. The groom puts it on the bride's right index finger. Some couples write a line from the Song of Songs inside: אני לדודי ודודי לי, I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine.

PERSIAN

The aghd

At the sofreh aghd, with its mirror and candles, the couple give each other rings. Family often give the bride gold. We make the rings and the gold set.

ARMENIAN

The nshan and the crowns

The engagement, the nshan, has a ring. At the church wedding, the couple wear crowns. Each family has its own customs for gold. Tell us yours.

ARAB

The shabka

In many Arab families the groom gives the bride gold at the engagement. In Egypt this gift is called the shabka. It can be a ring, a full set, or one piece to pass down.

INDIAN

Bridal gold and the mangalsutra

In many Hindu weddings the groom ties the mangalsutra around the bride's neck. Its shape changes by region and family. Often it is gold with black beads. In parts of the south it is a gold pendant called the thali. We follow your family's way exactly.

CHINESE

The four golds

In many Cantonese families the groom's family gives the bride gold for the tea ceremony. Often this is a pair of dragon and phoenix bangles, and the four golds, sei dim gam: a necklace, earrings, a bracelet and a ring.

MEXICAN AND LATIN AMERICAN

Las arras

In many Catholic weddings the groom gives the bride thirteen coins, the arras. The priest blesses them during the wedding. We can make them in gold, to keep for the next wedding in the family.

RUSSIAN AND ORTHODOX

The right hand

In Russia and in many Orthodox families, people wear the wedding ring on the right hand. This small detail changes how we design the ring.



Paloma studs. Square emeralds in folded gold, a pair for the bride.

Birthdays and growing up.



JEWISH

Bar and bat mitzvah

At thirteen for a boy, at twelve or thirteen for a girl. A first piece of real jewelry: a Magen David, a chai, or a name in Hebrew letters.

KOREAN

The dol

At a child's first birthday, family and friends give small gold rings, called dol banji. A first ring, to keep for life.

CHINESE

The full month

In many families a new baby gets gold, often at the party when the baby is one month old: a small bracelet, or a longevity lock pendant.

LATIN AMERICAN

Quinceañera

At fifteen. Her padrinos may give the crown, a medal or cross, a ring, or earrings. We can make each one just for her.

CATHOLIC AND ORTHODOX

First communion

A cross or a medal, with the date and the child's name on the back.

EVERY FAMILY

Other big days

Sweet sixteen, graduation, a first grandchild. Initials, a birthstone, or a date written inside, just for them.



Holidays for giving gold.

PERSIAN

Nowruz

The new year, on the first day of spring. In many families a gold coin is a favourite gift, at Nowruz and at weddings. We can set your coin as a pendant, or make a new one.

HINDU

Dhanteras and Akshaya Tritiya

Days when buying gold is said to bring good luck. Dhanteras is the first day of Diwali.

MUSLIM

Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha

A gift for the day, to wear for many years.

CHINESE AND KOREAN

Lunar New Year

For a child born that year, their zodiac animal, drawn by hand and made in gold.

YOUR FAMILY

Your own dates

Rosh Hashanah, Christmas, or a day only your family keeps. Tell us the day that matters to you.

FAITH AND SYMBOLS

Symbols of faith, made with care.



Magen David

The Star of David, thin and open or solid, in any size.

Hamsa

The open hand. Jewish and Muslim families in the Middle East and North Africa both wear it.

Crescent and star

Worn by many Muslim families, as a pendant or a pair of earrings.

Nazar

The blue eye that protects against envy. Known in Iran, Turkey, Greece and the Arab world.

Khanda

The symbol of the Sikh faith.

Chai

חי means life. Its two letters add up to eighteen.

The cross

Latin, Orthodox or Armenian, each in its own style.

Verses of protection

Va in yakad (Qur'an 68:51) and Ayat al-Kursi (2:255). Many Persian and Arab families wear them, in the writing style you choose.

Om

ॐ, a holy sign for Hindu, Buddhist and Jain families.

Claddagh

Two hands, a heart and a crown. The Irish ring for friendship, love and loyalty.

We draw every holy word and symbol by hand. We check it with you, letter by letter, before anything is made.

Your name, in your own language.

One word, love, in nine languages our clients write. We can write a name, a date, a verse or a blessing in any of them, and in many more.

عشق *eshgh* PERSIAN	אהבה *ahava* HEBREW	սեր *ser* ARMENIAN
حب *hubb* ARABIC	प्रेम *prem* HINDI	愛 *ài* CHINESE
사랑 *sarang* KOREAN	любовь *lyubov* RUSSIAN	αγάπη *agápi* GREEK

Bring your grandmother’s stone.



INHERITED STONES

A sapphire carried from Tehran. A diamond from Beirut. A ruby from Yerevan. An emerald from Mumbai.

Often a family's most loved stone came from far away. We put it in a new piece, with care. Then the next woman or man in the family can wear it for life.

In her sculptures, Maryam explores how metal can hold a stone. In her jewelry, she does this for your stone.



The stone stays in full view.

- **We look at it together.** We tell you clearly what the stone can take. Old emeralds and opals break easily, and some stones have old repairs.
- **We record it before you hand it over:** photos, size and a written description. You keep a copy.
- **We design around the stone:** its colour, its cut, its story, and what is safe for it.
- **The old metal is yours.** We give it back to you as it is, unless you ask for something else.
- **A small sign of the old piece** can stay: her initials inside the band, the year, or the name of the city.



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Tell us your tradition.

Your custom is welcome here, even if it is not in this guide. Tell us how your family does it. We will make it exactly that way.

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