

## Stacy Cohen

Stacy Cohen is a mensch. She always seems to know what she wants and where she's going; her feet are firmly planted on the ground. And she's nice. Really nice.



ELISABETH LAURENCE

Originally from Texas, she earned a bachelor's degree in public relations from Southern Methodist University. She moved to Southern California to become an actor. She appeared in "Lethal Weapon IV" and on "Baywatch" and "The Tonight Show" in a skit with Jay Leno.

That's when fate stepped in and changed her life.

"We had a love-at-first-sight story," she says about meeting her husband, Mouli, a high-tech entrepreneur. "He came to a party in L.A. with mutual friends. I went with my friends, and he saw me and walked

up to me and we just started talking. Everybody in the room left — we just kept talking and we didn't know they were gone. We just danced the whole evening."

The two started dating. She says, "We both had a very unusual experience. After I met him I remember thinking, 'I know him — I know everything about him.'"

After recurring trips between San Francisco and Santa Monica, Stacy moved to The City. She decided to quit her Methodist faith and become Jewish, like Mouli.

The two were engaged for a year — Mouli proposed on Valentine's Day — and have been married for three.

Living a kosher life, which she calls "a healthy way to live," Stacy was inspired to write her "gourmet cuisine" book, called the "Kosher Billionaire's Secret Recipe."

But the book isn't just about eating kosher. She says, "It's living a kosher lifestyle. Being kind to people. Giving back to people. It's living the good life, la dolce vita, reaching out to people, touching them on different levels. You can feel better than a billionaire."

Stacy and Mouli support Camp Okizu, which she calls the largest camp for treating children with cancer in Northern California. She also is active in the Seva Foundation, whose mission is to help ailing and poor people in developing nations. She and her husband also donate substantial funds for stem cell research.

Stacy's exquisite, expansive Marin home, which she shares with her blond Pekinese Bella, has world-class views. It has historic, classical bones, but is contemporary at the same time. A serious 20th-century art collection including works by Joan Miro and Henri Matisse lends gravitas, and even calm.

It seems to be a house that has a purpose, as does its owner. Her next book, a novel called "The Last Train from Paris," will be ready for publication in 2008.

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Stacy Cohen's Marin home has world-class views and a 20th-century art collection featuring works by Joan Miro and Henri Matisse. — All: Bret Putnam/Special to The Examiner

### KEYS TO STACY COHEN'S STYLE

**STYLE PHILOSOPHY:** I think people should develop their own style — feel like they are inside. For me, it's a European flair.

**STYLE SECRETS:** Well, a lot of it has to do with what you eat. Our body is our temple. With this wonderful kosher lifestyle, skin looks better. I feel healthier. There are rituals. Spirituality is

involved. Everything starts from the kitchen. We separate meat and dairy. If it gets mixed up we re-kosher it.

**GOT STYLE FROM:** I developed my own style. I always loved fashionable things. I'm always expressing myself through what I'm wearing.

**STYLE VS. COMFORT:** Well, you know it depends upon what

time of the day it is — in the evenings, definitely style over comfort. Let's just say style over comfort unless you're working out.

**COLOR VS. TEXTURE:** Colors make me happy. But I'll wear a sexy black dress. I like a soft texture, beautiful to the touch, clothes that feel very soft.

**FAVORITE COLORS:** Pastel

colors are my favorite colors.

**FAVORITE DESIGNERS:** Donatella Versace gave me a quote and Roberto Cavalli did too. John Galliano designed my wedding dress — he's my ultimate favorite. He designed it in Paris — it was a 1940s fitted glamorous gown.

**SECRET CACHE:** 20th century art.

**MOST UNUSUAL THING**

**ABOUT ME:** I think it's unusual that people would find me very approachable.

**WOULD NEVER DO:** Eat bacon.

**MOST PRECIOUS POSSESSION:** Love.

**WHAT WOULD PEOPLE NOT KNOW ABOUT ME:** I'm a very humble person.

**STYLE ADVICE:** Live with your

heart and express yourself. Maybe it's not about clothing — it's what's on the inside, what shows through is your heart — if your heart is a beautiful heart everybody can see it.

**LIFE ADVICE:** Try to live a good, healthy life and give back to people.