

Forever Yours Weddings



Welcome friends and family.

We are gathered here to unite **Bride** and **Groom** in marriage, which is held in honor among all people. We are here to celebrate Love. Love organizes our large and sometimes unpredictable world. It is the basis for the peace of family, and the peace of the people of the earth. The greatest gift bestowed upon humans is the gift of love freely given between two persons.

In marriage, two people turn to each other in search of a greater fulfillment than either can achieve alone. Marriage is a bold step, taken together, into an unknown future. It is risking who we are for the sake of who we can be. This is achieved only in giving of ourselves fully, and sharing our lives with another; only in loyalty and devotion bestowed upon another. Two among us who have stood apart, come together now, to declare their love and to be united in marriage.

Chuppah

We bless this marriage under the chuppah, the Jewish symbol of the new home being consummated here.

*Can I please have the attendants hold the talit and make a shelter on top of the **Bride** and **Groom***

Surrounded by loved ones whose joy and prayers are with you, you stand at this chuppah, a symbol of your new home. Its four sides are open, symbolizing the importance of community and of participation in each other's lives. Friends and family fill the home. May your home be a shelter against the storms, a haven of peace, a stronghold of faith and love.

Please remove the talit.

Vows

Those who enter into marriage must learn to cherish a mutual esteem and love; to bear with each other's strengths and weaknesses; to comfort each other in sickness, trouble, and sorrow: With honesty to provide for each other, and to live together as heirs of the grace of life.

Groom, please repeat after me

I promise to love you with all my heart in good and bad times.

I promise you patience and understanding; and to support you in your endeavors as if they were my own.

I promise to be true and loyal to you as I join my life to yours.

Bride, please repeat after me

I promise to love you with all my heart in good and bad times.

I promise you patience and understanding; and to support you in your endeavors as if they were my own.

I promise to be true and loyal to you as I join my life to yours.

RING EXCHANGE:

Groom, take **Bride's** ring, place it on her finger and repeat after me:

With this ring I thee wed, with my body I thee honor, and with all my worldly goods I thee endow.

Bride, take **Groom's** ring, place it on his finger and repeat after me:

With this ring I thee wed, with my body I thee honor, and with all my worldly goods I thee endow.

- ♥ May you keep this covenant which you have made.
- ♥ May you be a blessing and comfort to each other, sharers of each other's joys, consolors in each other's sorrows, helpers to each other in life.

- ♥ May you not only accept and give affection between yourselves, but also together have affection and consideration for others.

BENEDICTION

You have now affirmed before God, your families, and your friends your bond of love and commitment. In the years before you, may the richness of the traditions that have nurtured you enhance and brighten your lives and others' as you help to create and shape the future.

THE BREAKING OF THE GLASS

Now by the authority vested in me in the presence of these witnesses, I declare you married under the Jewish traditions.

We conclude the ceremony with the traditional breaking of the glass.

Breaking a glass reminds us that sweetness can only exist alongside bitterness--breaking the glass reminds us that although this wedding has provided joy, the world is still in turmoil, and requires our care and love.

The breaking of the glass, like the commitment you make today, is irreversible and permanent.

Groom, you will now break the glass, we will all shout 'Mazel Tov' and you two will share your first kiss as husband and wife...

[Break Glass & Kiss] -

May I introduce to you... Mr. and Mrs. _____!