

# Traditional Jewish Wedding Ceremony Script

B\_\_\_\_\_ = Brides First Name

G\_\_\_\_\_ = Grooms First Name

Processional

Introductory Music

Welcome Statement

**Celebrant:** Dearly beloved, we meet here today to witness a sacred ceremony: the union of B\_\_\_\_\_ and G\_\_\_\_\_. With great admiration, we come together to celebrate the love and devotion shared by these two children of God that stand before us. We are especially blessed to be joined today by family and friends. The Bride and Groom are honored you could be here to participate in one of the most important days of their lives.

Let's join together in prayer: "Blessed art thou, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who hath created joy and gladness, G\_\_\_\_\_ and B\_\_\_\_\_, mirth and exultation, pleasure and delight, love and brotherhood, peace and friendship. May there soon be heard in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, the voice of joy and gladness, the voice of the groom and the voice of the bride, the jubilant voices from the wedding canopy, and of youths from their feasts of song. Blessed art thou, our Lord, who gives us joy on this day."

Throughout their relationship, B\_\_\_\_\_ and G\_\_\_\_\_ have developed a strong bond based on shared values and mutual respect. With a concrete foundation from which to grow, they have made the decision to take the vow of marriage and spend the rest of their lives together.

Let us rejoice in the joy and love on display with us here today. May we treasure these memories as B\_\_\_\_\_ and G\_\_\_\_\_, Under the eyes of God, get set to begin the rest of their lives together.

Family Blessing

**Celebrant:** Who gives this Bride?

**Bride's Companion:** I do.

## Wedding Sermon

**Celebrant:** (*Addressing the guests*) Marriage is a venerated institution, and one deserving of deep respect.

Today we observe the union of B\_\_\_\_\_ and G\_\_\_\_\_ in holy matrimony, a commitment they have chosen to accept with all the sincerity that it warrants.

While marriage is a sacred and serious tradition, it also brings for tremendous joy. Married life is full of surprises, adventures, and memory making, all made possible by the everlasting power of love. When B\_\_\_\_\_ and G\_\_\_\_\_ finalize this union, they will begin a new life together, one defined by shared hopes, dreams, and successes.

(*Addressing the couple*) B\_\_\_\_\_ and G\_\_\_\_\_, as you learn to live as one; you will face many challenges that will help you grow. Spend time doing the things that make life precious – cooperate with each other, always make time to laugh together, and never lose appreciation for the love that you both share. Remember to adhere to the vows that you will make today. Find strength in each other, give hope to each other, and let your trials help you grow as one. They say love can build bridges and climb mountains – and they're right. You will find that as it grows and matures over time, your love for one another will prove both fulfilling and empowering.

There will be challenges in life, but the strength of your bond will give you protection against life's difficulties. Always make your relationship a priority, and continue to nurture one another. Through a commitment of love, and with the power of faith, together you will be able to navigate any obstacles that come your way.

## Consecration

**Celebrant:** Under the eyes of God, I solemnly bear witness to these matrimonial proceedings. I will now finalize the sacred covenant you shall both enter into on this day.

The rite of marriage is an ancient institution, an important ritual that binds two people together for the rest of their days. Today, as you form this union, you're choosing to take a vow that is as sacred today the same as it was to your ancestors.

As is tradition, let us now read the Sheva Brachot, the Seven Benedictions: Blessed are You, Adonai our God, King of the Universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine. Blessed are You, Adonai, our God, King of the universe, Who has created everything for your glory. Blessed are You, Adonai, our God, King of the universe, Creator of Human Beings. Blessed are You, Adonai, our God, King of the universe, Who has fashioned human beings in your image, according to your likeness and has fashioned from it a lasting mold. Blessed are You Adonai, Creator of Human Beings. Bring intense joy and exultation to the barren one (Jerusalem) through the ingathering of her children amidst her in gladness. Blessed are You, Adonai, Who gladdens Zion through her children. Gladden the beloved companions as You gladdened Your creatures in the garden of Eden. Blessed are You, Adonai, Who gladdens G\_\_\_\_\_ and B\_\_\_\_\_. Blessed are You, Adonai, our God, King of the universe, Who created joy and gladness, groom and bride, mirth, glad song, pleasure, delight, love, brotherhood, peace, and companionship. Adonai, our God, let there soon be heard in the cities of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem the sound of joy and the sound of gladness, the voice of the groom and the voice of the bride, the sound of the grooms' jubilation from their canopies and of the youths from their song-filled feasts. Blessed are You Who causes the groom to rejoice with his bride.

## Vows

**Celebrant:** B\_\_\_\_\_ and G\_\_\_\_\_, I invite you to express your sacred vows to one another. Please face one another as you state these vows before God and in the presence of your family and friends.

B\_\_\_\_\_, you may start.

**B\_\_\_\_\_:** I, B\_\_\_\_\_, take you, G\_\_\_\_\_, to be my lawfully wedded husband. I promise to keep you by my side through good times and bad, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health. I vow to stay true to you, honor you, and love you for the rest of my days, until death do us part.

G\_\_\_\_\_, now is the time for your promise.

G\_\_\_\_\_: I, G\_\_\_\_\_, take you, B\_\_\_\_\_, to be my lawfully wedded wife. I promise to keep you by my side through good times and bad, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health. I vow to stay true to you, honor you, and love you for the rest of my days, until death do us part.

#### Declaration of Intent

**Celebrant:** B\_\_\_\_\_ and G\_\_\_\_\_, please join hands. Under the eyes of God, G\_\_\_\_\_, do you take B\_\_\_\_\_ to be your lawfully wedded wife? Do you promise to support her completely and love her unconditionally, so long as you both shall live?

G\_\_\_\_\_: I do.

**Celebrant:** Under the eyes of God, B\_\_\_\_\_, do you take G\_\_\_\_\_ to be your lawfully wedded husband? Do you promise to support him completely and love him unconditionally, so long as you both shall live?

B\_\_\_\_\_: I do.

**Celebrant:** Very well, let us proceed.

#### Glass Stomping

**Celebrant:** B\_\_\_\_\_ and G\_\_\_\_\_, this is a special day in both of your lives, and one you will no doubt cherish forever. Before we proceed, take a moment to reflect on every major decision and important experience that you've had over the years. Although you surely had no way of knowing at the time, each of those life events has led to right now, to this very moment.

Although you have spoken the words to establish your commitment, you will now officially seal your union with the smashing of the glass. It is tradition that once the glass is shattered, we shall all shout "Mazel Tov".

*As the officiant delivers the above message, the best man will wrap the glass in white cloth and place it on the floor before the couple. Once it's in place, the couple will proceed to stomp the glass.*

This glass, now shattered, may never be reassembled. Similarly, the bond you have consecrated today is a permanent one. Your lives are now and forever joined together through faith, love, and a sense of duty to one another.

### Ring Exchange

**Celebrant:** Now it's time to exchange the rings. The circle that is formed by these rings is a symbol of your love and eternal commitment to one another. May these rings forever remind you of the sacred promises you've made to each other here today in the company of your family and friends.

G\_\_\_\_\_, you will go first. Please repeat after me as you place the ring on the left hand of your loved one.

I, G\_\_\_\_\_, give you, B\_\_\_\_\_ this ring as a symbol of my love, commitment, and the eternal vows we have made today to each other. With this ring, I thee wed.

B\_\_\_\_\_, now it's your turn.

I, B\_\_\_\_\_, give you, G\_\_\_\_\_ this ring as a symbol of my love, commitment, and the eternal vows we have made today to each other. With this ring, I thee wed.

### Pronouncement

**Celebrant:** By the power vested in me, by the state of \_\_\_\_\_ I now pronounce you, G\_\_\_\_\_ and B\_\_\_\_\_ as husband and wife, lawfully wedded before God.

### Kiss

**Celebrant:** G\_\_\_\_\_, you may now kiss the bride.

### Presentation

**Celebrant:** Ladies and gentlemen, it is with great honor that I officially present to you Mr. and Mrs.

G\_\_\_\_\_ and B\_\_\_\_\_ Last Name\_\_\_\_\_!!

Recessional

Exit Music