

WEDDING SERVICE OUTLINE
for Bride and Groom

We now thank the Source of Life, who gives us life, sustains us, and has brought us all together here for this happy occasion. SHEHEHEYANU {Hebrew}

CHUPPAH

We stand here today under this chuppah - this wedding canopy. While this canopy is traditionally understood as a symbol for the home - the home that the two of you will make together, we notice three things. First, it provides shelter. May your home be a place of safety and warmth. Second, we see that the two of you stand under this canopy together. May the two of you always stand together, in times of need as well as times of joy. Third, we see that this canopy has no walls. May the two of you be open to one another and open to any challenges you may endure.

SHEVA BRACHOT {Hebrew too?}

- 1) You abound in blessings, Source of all creation, whose glory we find in all that we behold.
- 2) You abound in blessings, Source of all creation, Creator of human kind.
- 3) You abound in blessings, Source of all creation, who created man and woman in Your image that we might live, love, and so perpetuate life. You abound in blessings, Creator of human beings.
- 4) We all rejoice as these two persons, overcoming separateness, unite in joy. You abound in blessings, permitting us to share in other's joy.
- 5) May these two who love each other rejoice as did the first man and woman in the Garden of Eden. You abound in blessings, Source of joy for bride and groom.
- 6) O Source of blessings, please be with these two as they create for one another: joy and gladness, pleasure and delight, courage and consolation, companionship and devotion, love and peace.
- 7) You abound in blessings, Source of all creation, Creator of the fruit of the vine, symbol of human joy.

GROOM OFFERS WINE TO BRIDE, and BRIDE OFFERS WINE TO GROOM

As you have shared wine from this cup, so may you draw contentment, comfort, and happiness from your own cup of life. May all you experience be hallowed by true companionship and love.

REMARKS (Rabbi's charge about you and marriage)

VOWS

To Groom:

Do you, Groom, take Bride to be your wife, promising to love, honor, and cherish her; seeking together with her a life dedicated to love, honesty, and respect?

To Bride:

Do you, Bride, take Groom to be your husband, promising to love, honor, and cherish him; seeking together with him a life dedicated to love, honesty, and respect?

RINGS

Groom, repeat after me: (Read a phrase, then wait for the repeat)

I Groom take you Bride to be my wife/
I promise above all else/
To live in truth with you/
To give you my hand and my heart /
as a sanctuary of warmth and peace/
and pledge my love,
My devotion, faith and honor/
as I join my life to yours.

Bride, repeat after me:

I Bride take you Groom to be my husband/
I promise above all else/

To live in truth with you/
To give you my hand and my heart /
as a sanctuary of warmth and peace/
and pledge my love,
My devotion, faith and honor/
as I join my life to yours.

In keeping with the declarations you have made, you have exchanged these rings. They are a token of your union, a symbol of enduring loyalty. May they ever remind you that your lives are to be bound together in devotion and faithfulness.

LEGAL PRONOUNCEMENT

By the authority granted to me by the State (of Louisiana) and witnessed by your family and friends, I pronounce you husband and wife and offer to the two of you a blessing.
(NO KISSING YET – QUICKLY GO INTO THE BLESSING)

BLESSING {Hebrew and English}
May God bless you and keep you.

May God's countenance shine upon you
and be gracious to you.

May God look upon you with favor and grant you peace.
Together we say: Amen.

BREAKING OF THE GLASS – {Wrap Tallit?}
Break glass. Kiss! Recessional