



KetubahKraft Custom English Text Options

A

"On the ___ day of the month of [Hebrew month] in the year [Hebrew year], corresponding to [English date], here in [wedding location], [person 1] and [person 2] enter into a holy marriage covenant, in accordance with the laws of Moses and Israel.

On this day we become life partners with deep gratitude to the Source of Life who brought us into the world and joined us together. We are thankful for the gifts of life, love, and wisdom that our families and communities have given us. We pledge to support each other with tenderness and love. We will seek always to maintain open channels of communication and create a safe space for sharing thoughts, feelings and experiences. Joining together, we aim to contribute to tikkun olam and the recognition of equality among all people. As we seek out new challenges and opportunities to grow, we will try to act with integrity, forgiveness and compassion in the world. We vow to cherish each other's uniqueness, to trust in our intuitions and insights, and to comfort and challenge each other throughout our days. Aware that life is ever changing, we will take a positive approach as we walk joyously into the future.

This marriage, duly witnessed, is valid and binding."

B

On the the ___ day of ___, in the year 2008, which corresponds to the ___ day of ___, in the year 5768, in ___, the groom and the bride joined each other before family and friends to enter into the holy covenant of marriage, and with love and compassion each vowed to the other:

Today I love you completely, as I did yesterday and as I will tomorrow. I will be there for you when you need me most. I will share in your dreams, delight in your joys, and comfort you in your sorrows. May we establish a home open to all of life's potential; a home based on love, understanding, and the traditions of our heritage. May the laughter of children grace the halls of our home. May we be poor in misfortune and rich in blessings. May we see our children's children. May the joy of living for one another bring smiles to our faces. May we do everything within our power to permit each of us to become the persons we are yet to be. May we live each day as the first, the last, the only day we will have with each other. May we know nothing but happiness from this day forward. All of this we accept as valid and binding.

C

On the first day of the week, the ___ day of the month of ___ in the year 5768 as we are accustomed to count it, here in ___ in the United States of America, we hereby

testify that the groom said to the bride, "Be my life partner, with this ring, according to the laws of Moses and Israel" and that the bride said to the groom "Be my life partner, with this ring, according to the laws of Moses and Israel." The groom and the bride accepted all of the conditions of kiddushin and marriage, as set forth by Torah law and by the rulings of the sages of blessed memory.

The groom and bride also agreed of their own free will to work for one another, to honor, support, and nurture one another, to live together as a family, and to create their home in love, companionship, peace, and friendship as befits the sons and daughters of Israel.

As two individuals, the groom and the bride also committed to support and respect one another's work, learning, creativity, personal development, and spiritual growth.

As an egalitarian couple, the groom and the bride also committed to make major life choices and financial decisions together and to share responsibility for household duties. They promised to communicate openly about their needs and feelings, to share affection and loving sexuality, to care for one another's physical and emotional health, and to continually deepen and renew their relationship. They agreed to create a Jewish and feminist home full of learning and growth. They pledged to share responsibility for raising any children with whom they may be blessed and to nurture their children's own talents, personalities, and commitments.

As members of communities, the groom and the bride committed to encourage and support each other in developing many strong friendships with others. They promised to take responsibility for the well-being of their communities, to give tzedakah, and to pursue justice and peace for all people.

The bride accepted a ring from the groom, and the groom accepted a ring from the bride, for the purposes of creating this marriage, and to symbolize their love for one another. The groom and the bride also accepted full legal responsibility for the obligations specified here, as well as for the various property entering the marriage from their respective homes and families, and agreed that the obligations of this ketubah may be satisfied even from moveable property. We have had both the groom and the bride formally acquire these obligations on the other, with an instrument fit for such purposes. Thus, all is in order and in force.

D

On the xx day of month, in the year , which corresponds to the day of Hebrew month, in the year xxx, in xxx, the bride, and the groom, join each other before family and friends to enter, as partners, into the sacred covenant of marriage, and with love and compassion each vow to the other:

Today we love each other completely as we did yesterday and as we will tomorrow. May our love provide us with the determination to be ourselves and the courage to pursue our chosen paths. We vow to cherish each other's

uniqueness, to trust in our intuitions and insights, and to comfort and challenge each other throughout our days. May we strive to achieve intellectual and physical fulfillment as well as spiritual and emotional tranquility. Let us encourage each other to take risks and lead a life of adventure and laughter. May we share our dreams, delight in our joys, and comfort each other in our sorrows. Let our companionship across the years be a blessing to each other and a blessing that embraces the communities in which we work and live.

We are thankful for the gifts of life, love, and wisdom that our families and communities have given us. May we build a home filled with love and learning, generosity and good humor, compassion and peace. Let our home be a sanctuary, a place of healing and growth, and let it reflect the traditions of our heritage.

Joining together, we promise to take responsibility for the well-being of our community, to give tzedakah, and to pursue justice and peace for all people. We aim to practice tikkun olam and to serve as responsible stewards of the planet.

This marriage, duly witnessed, is valid and binding.

E

On the day of in the year, Bride and Groom express their love and commitment by entering into the covenant of marriage before family, friends, and God, in the town of x.

יְבָרַךְ יי וַיְשַׁמְרֵךְ
יְאָר יי פְּנֵי אֱלֹהֵי וַיְחַנֵּךְ
יִשָּׂא יי פְּנֵי אֱלֹהֵי וַיַּשֵּׂם לְךָ שְׁלוֹם

May God bless you and keep you.
May God's presence shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May God's presence be with you and give you peace.

Allons-nous-en par la terre,
Sur nos deux chevaux charmants,
Dans l'azur, dans le mystère,
Dans les éblouissements!

Tu seras dame, et moi comte;
Viens, mon cœur s'épanouit,
Viens, nous conterons ce conte
Aux étoiles de la nuit.

Victor Hugo

No te amo como si fueras rosa de sal, topacio
o flecha de claveles que propagan el fuego:
te amo como se aman ciertas cosas oscuras,
secretamente, entre la sombra y el alma.

Te amo sin saber cómo, ni cuándo, ni de dónde,
te amo directamente sin problemas ni orgullo:
así te amo porque no sé amar de otra manera.

Pablo Neruda

here is the deepest secret nobody knows
(here is the root of the root and the bud of the bud
and the sky of the sky of a tree called life; which grows
higher than soul can hope or mind can hide)
and this is the wonder that's keeping the stars apart

i carry your heart (i carry it in my heart)

e.e. cummings

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F.

On the day of the week, the day of, in the year corresponding to the day of, in the year, the groom, and the bride, entered into the holy covenant of marriage before God and these witnesses, and made this pledge to one another:

We promise to be kind to ourselves by always loving one another. We will try to make each other happy every day. While there will be times when we do not succeed, we will get supreme satisfaction out of every attempt, because building each other's happiness means building a relationship that we love: a relationship that is deliciously funny, wonderful, and unique. Although nothing is ever fixed, we pledge now to make this relationship our home.

It will continue to be a home that smells of good dinner, full of the sounds of friends and neighbors, where our hoped-for children will laugh and pull at our hair. It will, we hope, be a home from which we can leave in the morning, filled with the power to do good, and also in which we can laugh for a half hour straight at two in the afternoon, still in bed. In this home, we will always strive to help each other to become new people, growing more good and wise and beautiful with each passing year, enriched by the traditions and values of our heritage.

We promise to embrace the surprises that our life and love together will bring, sharing delight when they are good, and sharing sorrow when they are not. May God be Gracious to us and give us peace. Our commitment to each other seals this document.

G.

On day _____ in the year, which corresponds to the _____ in the year, in this location, the groom, and the bride, joined each other before family and friends to enter into a mutual covenant of marriage, and with love and compassion each vowed to the other:

"Today I love you completely, as I did yesterday and as I will tomorrow. I will be there for you when you need me most. I will hold you in my heart just as I hold you in my arms. I will share in your dreams, delight in your joys, and comfort you in your sorrows. I will be your confidant, your counsel, your friend, and your lover. When you are not within my sight, you will be within my thoughts. You are my life; you are my dreams; you are my joy; you are my love; you are my everything. At this moment you are all that I know and all that I see. As we grow old together and our love matures, may we hold on to the passion and affection for each other we feel today. Our commitment to each other seals this document."

H.

On this day _____ the bride and groom affirmed their commitment to each other as husband and wife. With our community of family and friends as witness, we made these promises to each other:

We pledge to be equal partners, loving friends, and supportive companions as we walk through life's path together. We will build our relationship on open communication, honesty, loyalty and devotion. We pledge to each other our mutual trust and respect. We will offer support and encouragement for personal growth and the fulfillment of our shared dreams. May we celebrate the beauty and happiness of life and comfort each other in times of sorrow. Together we will create a home filled with laughter, wisdom, generosity and compassion. We promise to honor our ancestors, families, and all living beings, and we will treasure the traditions we have inherited.