**Free Marriage Contract Template**

Our wedding day is a collection of Jewish Customs and traditions. The wedding ceremony is broken down into different parts and this program was created to help enhance your understanding of each. We hope that you enjoy!

**Wedding Traditions**

## Ketubah

The Ketubah is a marriage contract, required by Jewish law, attesting to the commitments and obligations Sara and Jordan make to each other as a married couple.

**Witnesses to the Ketubah Signing**

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| **ABCDear Friend of the Bride and her Family** | **NAMEUncle of the Groom** |

## Bedeken

The Bedeken is the veiling ceremony during which the groom placed a veil over the bride. The Bedeken took place before the ceremony and is considered one of the most moving elements of a traditional Jewish wedding. By covering his bride with a veil, the groom ascertained her identity, and confirmed that he is marrying the woman of his heart’s desire.

## The Chuppah

The canopy of the Chuppah is the prayer shawl (Tallis) that Sara was given at her Bat Mitzvah.

**The Chuppah Pole Holders**

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| NAMEAunt of the Bride | NAMEUncle of the Bride |

## Blessings of Betrothed - Kiddushin

The Kiddushin begins with the recitation of two blessings. The first is the blessing over the wine, a Jewish symbol of joy and sanctification of a celebratory time.

## Exchanging of the Rings

Following these blessings, Sara and Jordan will exchange rings. According to Jewish law, the rings must be solid metal, devoid of any cuts or stones. As the rings are circles with no beginning and no end, they symbolize that Sara and Jordan’s love is never ending.