

On the 28th of June, 2015, in Portland, Oregon, Alana Rose Kinarsky daughter of Yulia Kinarsky and Leo Kinarsky and Gabriel Isaac Rosenhouse son of Pamela Waldman and Daniel Rosenhouse confirm in the presence of witnesses a lovers' covenant between them and declare a partnership to establish a household among the people of Israel.

The agreement into which we are entering is a holy covenant like the ancient covenants of our people, made in faithfulness and peace to stand forever. It is a covenant of protection and hope like the covenant God swore to Noah and his descendants, saying:

When the rainbow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures, all flesh that is on earth. That shall be the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh. (*Genesis 9:16-17*)

It is a covenant of distinction, like the covenant God made with Israel, saying:

You shall be My people, and I shall be your God. (*Jeremiah 30:22*)

It is a covenant of devotion, joining hearts like the covenant David and Jonathan made, as it is said:

And Jonathan's soul was bound up with the soul of David. Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. (*1 Samuel 18:1-3*)

It is a covenant of mutual loving-kindness like the wedding covenant between God and Zion, as it is said:

I betroth you to me forever; I betroth you to me with righteousness and justice and loving-kindness and compassion; I betroth you to me in faithfulness and you shall know God. (*Hosea 2:19-20*)

To this covenant we affix our signatures.

Alana Rose Kinarsky

Witnessed this day the 28th of June, 2015:

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ביום ראשון בשבת י"א בתמוז תשע"ה לברית עולם למנין שאנו מונין בפורטלנד, אורגון, השותפים אלנה בת יוליה וליאו וגבריאל בן פועה ודניאל מקימים ביניהם לפני עדים ברית אהובים, ומכריזים על כונתם להתקשר בשותפות להקים בית בישראל.

The following are the provisions of the lovers' covenant into which we now enter:

1. We declare that we have chosen each other as companions, as our rabbis teach:

"Get yourself a companion." This teaches that a person should get a companion, to eat with, to drink with, to study Bible with, to study Mishnah with, to sleep with, to confide all one's secrets, secrets of Torah and secrets of worldly things. (*Avot D'Rabbi Natan 8*)

2. We declare that we are setting ourselves apart for each other and will take no other lover.

3. We hereby assume all the rights and obligations that apply to family members: to attend, care, and provide for one another.

4. We commit ourselves to a life of kindness and righteousness as a Jewish family and to work together toward the communal task of mending the world.

5. We pledge that we will help each other at the time of dying, by carrying out the last rational requests of the dying partner, protecting him/her from indignity or abandonment and by tender, faithful presence with the beloved until the end, fulfilling what has been written:

Set me as a seal upon your arm, for love is stronger than death. (*Song of Songs 8:6*)

לברית זו אנו חותמים.

Gabriel Isaac Rosenhouse

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