

I. Processional

The processional ends with the bride and groom under the chuppah. The chuppah, often a prayer shawl, is a covering that symbolizes the spiritual home the couple are building together.

II. Circling, Magal, מַעֲגָל

The couple performs mutual circles (3 each, then circle each other for the 7th). One source for this is Proverbs 4:26: "Consider the circular path you will take, and all your ways will prosper."

III. Separation, Havdalah, הַבְדָּלָה

First, we formally separate this time from the time before. While this is the ceremony that ends Shabbat, it is also marking a distinction between their time as individuals and the coming time of their holy partnership as a married couple. Our Havdalah is completed with a song from the sisters of the bride.

IV. Marriage Contract, Ketubah, כְּתוּבָה

The Rabbi will introduce the Ketubah, which is then signed by the couple and their witnesses.

V. Betrothal & Consecration,

Erusin v'Kiddushin, אֶרוּסִין וְקִדּוּשִׁין

We sanctify the betrothal of Jordan & Katherine with a cup of wine. In front of witnesses, the exchange of vows and rings occurs. First, the vows from their Ketubah, their wedding contract, will be read. Then, they will place the ring on their beloved's right forefinger.

VI. Marriage Homily

Some words about marriage and our bride and groom. This homily creates a separation between the betrothal ceremony and the marriage ceremony.

VII. Marriage, Nissuin, נִישׁוּאִין

Marriage is the gift of finding our soulmate, the one who completes us, and making the relationship sacred.

Seven Blessings, Sheva Brachot, שְׁבַע בְּרָכוֹת

The seven blessings are the core of sanctifying a Jewish wedding. The Rabbi will read each blessing in English and then chant it in Hebrew.

Pronouncement

The Rabbi formally declares the couple married.

Three-Fold Priestly Blessing

The Rabbi has the honor of offering the couple their first blessing as a married couple.

Glass Smashing

Breaking the glass is a reminder that even during this joyous occasion, there is brokenness and sadness in life. Another meaning is the couple is breaking their pasts and other possible futures by dedicating their lives to one another.

Siman Tov u'Mazal Tov, סימן טוב ומזל טוב

Siman tov umazal tov

Umazal tov vesiman tov (x3)

Yehe lanu. Yehe lanu, yehe lanu

Ulechol Yisrael. (x2)

Good sign, and good luck

And good luck and good sign (x3)

will come to us.

It will come to us, to us

And to all Israel. (x2)

VIII. Recessinal

Wait in your seats as the wedded couple departs, followed by the wedding party.

IX. Seclusion, Yichud, יְחִיד

Following the ceremony, the newly married couple will spend some time in seclusion with each other to relish their new status.

Jordan Levy
Groom

Katherine Miller
Bride

Conner Tansey
Best Man

Victoria Miller
Maid of Honor

Jan Mobbs
Groomsman

Elizabeth Miller
Maid of Honor

Adam Paget
Groomsman

Madison Stukan
Bridesmaid

Megan Miller
Junior Bridesmaid

Julianne Hadsell
Junior Bridesmaid

Welcome to
Jordan & Katherine's
Wedding
4.15.23

