

Jewish/Atheist Wedding Ceremony Script

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Welcome! Family and friend of Bride and Groom! Thank you for being here today as we celebrate their love and share in their joy as they make their vows to become husband and wife.

If you would be so kind, let us all take a moment to welcome the spirit of love itself. May the power of love be with us all here today as we celebrate love and may it be with Bride and Groom throughout their marriage.

Although this is their day, it is also a tribute to all of you. For knowing you and interacting with you has helped to make Kirk and Ellen who they needed to be to find each other. All of you are the threads which have woven the tapestry of their lives. Each one of you is an important piece in the story that tapestry tells. Your love is the fabric that they wrap around themselves and take comfort in when the world seems cold. And on days like today when everything is right in their world, that tapestry is proudly spread out and displayed for everyone to see, with all the glorious colors and textures that your diversity adds. You hold a special place in their hearts reserved for those they have chosen to call family and friends. And they are deeply grateful for each and every one of you here today.

"Mawage is wat brings us togeder tooday"

and with that I ask :

Who gives this woman in marriage?

Mom and Dad: We do!

Thank You!

Our first reading

"All I Want Is You"

by Barry Louis Polisar

If I was a flower growing wild and free
All I'd want is you to be my sweet honey bee.
And if I was a tree growing tall and green
All I'd want is you to shade me and be my leaves.

All I want is you, will you be my bride
Take me by the hand and stand by my side
All I want is you, will you stay with me?
Hold me in your arms and sway me like the sea.

If you were a river in the mountains tall,
The rumble of your water would be my call.
If you were the winter, I know I'd be the snow
Just as long as you were with me, when the cold winds blow.

If you were a wink, I'd be a nod
If you were a seed, well I'd be a pod.
If you were the floor, I'd wanna be the rug

And if you were a kiss, I know I'd be a hug

If you were the wood, I'd be the fire.
If you were the love, I'd be the desire.
If you were a castle, I'd be your moat,
And if you were an ocean, I'd learn to float.

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"Grow Old with You" by Adam Sandler

I wanna make you smile whenever you're sad
Carry you around when your arthritis is bad
All I wanna do is grow old with you.
I'll get your medicine when your tummy aches
build you a fire if the furnace breaks
Oh it could be so nice, growin old with you.
I'll miss you, kiss you, give you my coat when you are cold.
Need you, feed you, I'll even let you hold the remote control.
So let me do the dishes in the kitchen sink
Put you to bed when you've had too much to drink.
Oh I could be the man to grow old with you.
I wanna grow old with you.

Thank You.

"We are gathered here today, to witness and celebrate the coming together of two separate lives. We have come to join Bride and Groom in marriage, to be with them, and rejoice with them, in the making of this highest level of commitment."

"The essence of this commitment is the taking of another person in his or her entirety as lover, companion, and friend. It is therefore a decision not to be made lightly, but rather undertaken with great consideration and respect—for both oneself and the other person."

"Love is one of the highest experiences that we, as human beings can have. It is a wondrous gift. It adds depth of meaning to our lives. The sensual part of love is one of life's greatest joys. When this is combined with real friendship, both are infinitely enhanced."

"We are here then today to celebrate the love that you two have for each other, and to give social recognition to your mutual decision to accept each other into the state of matrimony."

That, of course, means it's time for the good stuff! Are you ready to exchange your vows?

Please face each other and join hands. This is your moment, take a deep breath and be in the moment and enjoy it.

Please repeat after me:

I, Groom, take you Bride, to be my wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until death do us part."

"I, Bride, take you Groom, to be my husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until death do us part."

The rings please:

Groom, repeat after me,

I give you this ring to wear with love and joy. As a ring has no end, neither shall my love for you. I choose you to be my wife this day and forevermore."

Bride, repeat after me,

"I give you this ring to wear with love and joy. As a ring has no end, neither shall my love for you. I choose you to be my husband this day and forevermore."

The 7 blessing for a Jewish Marriage

May you be blessed with love. May your admiration, appreciation and understanding of each other foster a love that is passionate, tranquil and real. May this love between you be strong and enduring, and bring peace into your lives.

May you be blessed with a loving home filled with warmth, humor and compassion. May you create a family together that honors traditions old and new. May you teach your children to have equal respect for themselves and others, and instill in them the value of learning and making the world a better place.

May you be best friends and work together to build a relationship of substance and quality. May your sense of humor and playful spirit

continue to enliven your relationship. May you respect each other's individual personality and perspective, and give each other room to grow in fulfilling your dreams.

May you be blessed with wisdom. May you continually learn from one another and from the world. Together, may you grow, deepening your knowledge and understanding of each other and of your journey through life.

May you be blessed with health. May life bring you wholeness of mind, body and spirit. May you keep each other well-balanced and grounded, and live long that you may share many happy years together.

May your life be blessed with the art and beauty of this world. May your creative aspirations and experiences find expression, inspire you, and bring you joy and fulfillment. May you find happiness together in adventures big and small, and something to celebrate each day of your lives.

May you be blessed with community. May you always be blessed with the awareness that you are an essential part of a circle of family and friends. May there always be within this group love, trust, support and laughter, and may there be many future occasions for rejoicing in their company.

to the guests:

"We are going to conclude the ceremony with the Jewish tradition of the breaking of the glass. The breaking of the glass, like the commitment Bride and Groom made today, is irrevocable and permanent. As the groom breaks the glass, I invite everyone to shout, "Mazel Tov" which means "Congratulations and Good Luck!"

Best Man places the glass on the floor and Groom breaks the glass
while holding Bride's hand

MAZEL TOV!

"And so now you, Groom, and you, Bride, have announced the truths
that were already written in your hearts, and have witnessed the same
in the presence of your friends and family, we observed that you have
declared yourself to be husband and wife."

You may kiss the bride!

It is my honor and privilege to present to you

Mr. & Mrs. !!!!

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