

Ketubah/Wedding Certificate Texts

Included in the price of your ketubah is customization of any of the following texts. We are also happy to work with you to create your own original text. Direct Hebrew translation of an original text can be provided for \$100.

Secular I

As we weave our two lives together into one, we promise to love, respect, encourage and inspire one another. We will always endeavor to be open and honest, understanding and accepting, loving and forgiving, trusting of and loyal to one another. We promise to do the most that we can to bring out the best in the other. We will strive to bring to fruition both our shared and our individual hopes and dreams, always evolving together. Through life's sorrows and challenges we will comfort and support one another, through life's joys and pleasures we will laugh and celebrate together. For many years to come, may we maintain a relationship that fosters intimacy, honesty, and communication. Let us build a home that emanates warmth, generosity, and love, and may it be filled with the joyful voices of our family and friends. May our lives be blessed with harmony, health and happiness. With our dearest family and friends as witnesses, we commit all this to each other. All this is valid and binding.

Groom/Bride _____ Groom/Bride _____
Witness _____ Witness _____
Witness _____ Witness _____
Officiant _____

Secular II

On this day, the _____ of _____ in the year _____, in the community of _____, we _____ and _____ enter into the covenant of marriage. As we begin our life together, we promise to love, respect, encourage and inspire one another. We promise to be faithful friends and equal partners and to comfort and protect one another through life's joys and sorrows. May our love help us to bring to fruition both our shared and our individual hopes and dreams. For many years to come, may we maintain a relationship that fosters intimacy, honesty, and communication. Together we will create a home where the traditions of our ancestors are honored and celebrated. Let us build a home that emanates warmth, generosity, and love, and may it be filled with the joyful voices of our family and friends. May our lives be blessed with harmony, health and happiness. Surrounded by our dearest friends and family as witnesses, we commit this to each other: from this day we combine our separate lives into one. All this is forever valid and binding.

Groom/Bride _____ Groom/Bride _____
Witness _____ Witness _____
Witness _____ Witness _____
Officiant _____

Same Sex (Reform)

Under the Chuppah, before God and all those present, on the _____ day of the week, the _____ day of the month of _____ in the year _____ corresponding to the _____ day of _____ in the year _____ here in _____, the beloveds _____ and _____, the daughter/son of _____, and the daughter/son of _____ entered into the covenant of marriage, in accordance with the laws of Moses and Israel.

They pledged:

We will be partners in marriage, and we will cherish, respect, and support each other, all the days of our lives. We promise to be full and equal life partners and to comfort and protect one another through life's joys and sorrows. May we always be kind and compassionate towards one another, and as our love matures, may we hold on to the passion and affection for each other that we feel today. May we strive to always learn from one another and to encourage each other to grow together and as individuals.

We will materially sustain and support each other and our household, providing for each other's physical needs, and sharing between us all our material possessions. We vow to always value our responsibilities to family above any other commitment. Ours will be a family filled with love and learning, joy and laughter, comfort and compassion. We will strive to establish a home that honors and celebrates the traditions of the people of Israel, committed to Jewish values and enriched by the traditions of our families. May our home be a place of warmth, generosity, and love, and may it be always welcoming of our family and friends, and those we have yet to meet. May our love provide us with the determination to be ourselves and the courage to pursue our chosen paths. With this ceremony we affirm our intention to provide for each other the protections and privileges of all loving couples. May our lives be intertwined forever and be as one in tenderness and devotion. These rings symbolize our commitment to each other as beloved and friends before God and these witnesses. We joyfully enter into this covenant and solemnly accept its obligations. And everything herein is forever valid and binding.

Groom/Bride _____ Groom/Bride _____

Witness _____ Witness _____
Witness _____ Witness _____
Officiant _____

Same Sex (by Rabbis Elliot Dorff, Daniel Nevins and Avram Reisner)

On the _____ day of the week, the _____ day of the month of _____ in the
year five thousand seven hundred _____, corresponding to the secular date of _____, here in
_____ in the country of _____ we, _____ the daughter/son of _____, and _____ the daughter/
son of _____, before the people and the congregation make this holy declaration:

“Let it be known that our souls are bound one to the other with bonds of love and mutual devotion, and that it is our intention, with God’s help, to be exclusively faithful to each other all the days of our lives upon this earth. As our Sages taught: A person should find a partner with whom to eat, drink, read, study, sleep, and share every secret, secrets of Torah and secrets of life.

We shall share from this day a complete partnership, joyfully and wholeheartedly establishing a household in common with moral and financial responsibilities for one another. We shall be loving partners for each other and will cherish, respect, sustain and assist one another in righteousness and faithfulness. With God’s help may our dwelling be filled with love and harmony, peace and companionship, and may we be privileged to nurture together our Jewish heritage, our love for our fellow Jews and the dignity of every creature.”

We, the witnesses, attest that everything that is written and specified above has been done in our presence and is valid and effective.

Witness _____ Witness _____

Reform I

Under the Chuppah, before God and all those present, on the _____ day of the week, the _____ day
of the month of _____ in the year _____ corresponding to the _____ day of _____ in the
year _____ here in _____, the beloveds _____ and _____ entered into the covenant of
marriage, in accordance with the laws of Moses and Israel.

The groom and bride declared:

As we begin our life together, we promise to love, respect, encourage and inspire one another. We will always endeavor to be open and honest, understanding and accepting, loving and forgiving, trusting of and loyal to one another. We promise to do the most that we can to bring out the best in the other. We will strive to bring to fruition both our shared and our individual hopes and dreams, always evolving together. Through life’s sorrows and challenges we will comfort and support one another, through life’s joys and pleasures we will laugh and celebrate together. For many years to come, may we maintain a relationship that fosters intimacy, honesty, and communication. Let us build a home that emanates warmth, generosity, and love, in accordance with Jewish traditions. May it be filled with the joyful voices of our family and friends. May our lives be blessed with harmony, health and happiness. All this is valid and binding.

Bride _____ Groom _____

Witness _____ Witness _____

Officiant _____

“With my beloved by my side, every day is good to awaken to, and every moment is a gift.”

Reform II

These rings symbolize our commitment to each other as beloveds and friends before God and these witnesses. We promise to love, respect, encourage and inspire one another all the days of our lives. We will always endeavor to be open and honest, understanding and accepting, loving and forgiving, trusting of and loyal to one another. We promise to do the most that we can to bring out the best in the other. We will strive to bring to fruition both our shared and our individual hopes and dreams, always evolving together. Through life’s sorrows and challenges we will comfort and support one another, through life’s joys and pleasures we will laugh and celebrate together. For many years to come, may we maintain a relationship that fosters intimacy, honesty, and communication. We vow to create a home where the Jewish traditions of our families are honored and celebrated. Let us build a home that emanates warmth, generosity, and love, and understanding. May our home be filled with the joyful voices of our family and friends. May our lives be blessed with harmony, health and happiness, and be guided by the teachings of the torah. With our dearest family and friends and witnesses, we commit this to each other: from this day we combine our separate lives into one. All this is forever valid and binding.

Bride _____ Groom _____

Witness _____
Officiant _____

Witness _____

Anniversary English

Today, on our _____ anniversary, we renew our pledge to love, respect, encourage and inspire one another, as we have done throughout our lives together. We will continue to be open and honest, understanding and accepting, loving and forgiving, trusting of and loyal to one another. As our love matures, may we hold on to the passion and affection for each other that we feel today. Our home has become a source of warmth, generosity, and love, and may it continue to be filled with the joyful voices of our family and friends. May the rest of our lives be blessed with harmony, health and happiness.
Wife _____ Husband _____

Conservative Ketubah Text

We testify that on the _____ day of the week, the _____ day of the month of _____, in the year _____, corresponding to the _____ day of _____, here in _____, the groom _____ said to the bride, _____: "Be my wife according to the laws and traditions of Moses and the Jewish people. I will work on your behalf and honor, sustain, and support you according to the practice of Jewish men, who faithfully work on behalf of their wives and honor, sustain, and support them. I obligate myself to give you the sum of _____ zuzim as the money for your ketubah, to which you are entitled according to _____ law. I will provide your food, clothing, and necessities, and I will live with you in marital relations according to universal custom."The bride, _____, agreed to these terms and to become his wife, to participate together with him in establishing their home in love, harmony, peace, and companionship, according to the practice of Jewish women. The groom, _____, accepted responsibility for the full dowry that she brought from her _____ house, whether in silver, gold, jewelry, clothes or furnishings, amounting to the sum of _____ zuzim and agreed to increase this amount from his own assets with the sum of _____ zuzim, for a total of _____ zuzim. The groom, _____ said: "I take upon myself, and my heirs after me, the obligation of this ketubah, the dowry and the additional sum, to be paid from the best part of all my property, real and personal, that I now possess or may hereafter acquire. From this day forward, all my property, wherever it may be, even the shirt on my back, shall be mortgaged and liened for the payment of this ketubah, dowry, and additional sum, whether during my lifetime or thereafter." _____, the groom, took upon himself all the obligations and strictures of this ketubah, this dowry, and this additional sum, as is customary with other ketubot made for Jewish women in accordance with the enactment of our sages, may their memory be for a blessing. _____, the groom and _____, the bride, further agreed that should either contemplate dissolution of the marriage, or following the dissolution of their marriage in the civil courts, each may summon the other to the Beit Din of the Rabbinical Assembly and the Jewish Theological Seminary, or its representative, and that each will abide by its instructions so that throughout life each will be able to live according to the laws of the Torah. (This paragraph constitutes the Lieberman clause.)

This ketubah is not to be regarded as mere rhetoric or as perfunctory legal form. We have performed the act which in Jewish law makes the obligation of this document legally binding on the part of _____, the groom, to _____ the bride, and on the part of _____, the bride, to _____ the groom, with an instrument fit for that purpose, in order to confirm all that is stated and specified above, which shall be valid and immediately effective.

Witness 1 _____ Witness 2 _____
Rabbi _____
Groom _____ Bride _____

Orthodox Ketubah Text

We testify that on the _____ day of the week, the _____ day of the month of _____, in the year _____, corresponding to the _____ day of _____, here in _____, the groom _____ said to the bride, _____: "Be my wife according to the laws and traditions of Moses and the Jewish people. I will work on your behalf and honor, sustain, and support you according to the practice of Jewish men, who faithfully work on behalf of their wives and honor, sustain, and support them. I obligate myself to give you the sum of _____ zuzim as the money for your ketubah, to which you are entitled according to _____ law. I will provide your food, clothing, and necessities, and I will live with you in marital relations according to universal custom."The bride, _____, agreed to these terms and to become his wife, to participate together with him in establishing their home in love, harmony, peace, and companionship, according to the practice of Jewish women. The groom, _____, accepted responsibility for the full dowry that she brought from her _____ house, whether in silver, gold, jewelry, clothes or furnishings, amounting to the sum of _____ zuzim and agreed to increase this amount from his own assets with the sum of _____ zuzim, for a total of _____ zuzim. The groom, _____ said: "I take upon myself, and my heirs after me, the obligation of this ketubah, the dowry and the additional sum, to be paid from the best part of all my property, real and personal, that I now possess or may hereafter acquire. From this day forward, all my property, wherever it may be, even the shirt on my back, shall be mortgaged and liened for the payment of this ketubah,

dowry, and additional sum, whether during my lifetime or thereafter.” _____, the groom, took upon himself all the obligations and strictures of this ketubah, this dowry, and this additional sum, as is customary with other ketubot made for Jewish women in accordance with the enactment of our sages, may their memory be for a blessing.

This ketubah is not to be regarded as mere rhetoric or as perfunctory legal form. We have performed the act, which in Jewish law makes the obligation of this document legally binding on the part of _____, the groom, to _____ the bride, and on the part of _____, the bride, to _____ the groom, with an instrument fit for that purpose, in order to confirm all that is stated and specified above, which shall be valid and immediately effective.

Witness 1 _____ Witness 2 _____

On the _____ day of the week, the _____ day of the month _____ in the year 57_____, as we are accustomed to reckon it here, in _____, we hereby testify that the groom _____ said to the bride _____ "You are consecrated to me as my wife, with this ring, according to the laws of Moses and Israel", and that the bride _____ said to the groom "You are consecrated to me as my husband with this ring, according to the laws of Moses and Israel". The groom _____ and the bride _____ accepted all the conditions of betrothal and marriage as set forth by biblical law and by the rulings of the Sages of blessed memory. The groom and bride further agreed willingly to work for one another, to honor, support, and nurture one another, to live with one another, and to build together a household of integrity as befits members of the Jewish 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. The groom and bride also accepted full legal responsibility for the obligations herein taken on, as well as for the various property entering the marriage from their respective homes and families, and agreed that the obligations in this Ketubah may be satisfied even from movable property. We have had both the groom and the bride formally acquire these obligations to the other, with an instrument fit for such purposes. Thus all is in order and in force.

Witness 1 _____ Witness 2 _____

Rabbi _____

Groom _____

Bride _____

Quaker Wedding Certificate

This is to certify that on this _____ day of _____ in the year _____, (bride) _____ and (groom) _____ appeared in the presence of family and friends at (place) _____ in (city, State) _____ to celebrate the ceremony of their marriage. Taking each other by the hand _____ and _____ did declare:

We promise to love, respect, encourage and inspire one another all the days of our lives. We will always endeavor to be open and honest, understanding and accepting, loving and forgiving, trusting of and loyal to one another. We promise to do the most that we can to bring out the best in the other. We will strive to bring to fruition both our shared and our individual hopes and dreams, always evolving together. Through life's sorrows and challenges we will comfort and support one another, through life's joys and pleasures we will laugh and celebrate together. From this day forward we unite our lives together.

Beloved _____ Beloved _____

As Witnessed By:

