

# Weddings In Paradise™

## Jewish wedding ceremony

Welcome in the name of the Lord.

We rejoice as \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ come together today to celebrate their love and commitment to each other in the presence of God, their friends and families.

Splendor is upon everything. Blessing is upon everything. You who is full of this abundance bless this bridal couple. Praised is the Creator of the Universe who teaches us to rejoice in love. You command us to celebrate the consecration of marriage, and to witness vows here beneath the bridal canopy. Praised are You O Source of Creation, who sanctifies the union of your children beneath the chuppah.

Blessed is the Source of Light who has given us life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this joyous season.

### (Exchange of vows)

Behold the eyes of the one you love. For in each person is planted the Divine Image. These vows which you now exchange speak of you love and commitment to one another. They are serious and solemn, yet lovingly taken.

Groom repeat: I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine. By this ring you are consecrated to me, in accordance with the customs of our time.

Bride repeat: I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine. By this ring you are consecrated to me, in accordance with the customs of our time.

### (Seven Blessings)

1. Blessed art Thou, O lord our God, King of the Universe who has created the fruit of the vine.
2. Blessed art Thou, O lord our God, King of the Universe who has created all things for His glory.
3. Blessed art Thou, O lord our God, King of the universe, creator of man.

4. Blessed art Thou, O lord our God, King of the Universe who has made man in his image, after his likeness, and has prepared for him out of his very self, a perpetual fabric. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, creator of man.
5. May she who was barren be exceedingly glad and rejoice when her children are united in her midst in joy. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, who makes Zion joyful through her children.
6. O Lord, make these beloved companions greatly rejoice even as Thou didst rejoice at Thy creation in the Garden of Eden as of old. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, who make bridegroom and bride to rejoice.
7. Blessed art Thou, O lord our God, King of the Universe, who has created joy and gladness, bridegroom and bride, mirth exultation, pleasure and delight, love, brotherhood, peace and fellowship. Soon may there be heard in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem, the voice of joy and gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the jubilant voice of the bridegrooms from the canopies, and of youths from their feasts of song. Blessed art Thou, O Lord who makest the bridegroom to rejoice with the bride.

(Final Blessing)

May God bless you and keep you.

May God be gracious to you and grant blessings onto you.

May God lift up your faces to always shine radiantly and grant you continued love and joy, health and contentment, wholeness and peace. Amen

(Kiss)

(Affirmation)

You have said the words and performed the rites which unite your lives, before God and these witnesses. May you live together in happiness forevermore. Amen

(Breaking the glass)