WEDDING CEREMONY

After the Chatan and Kallah arrive to the Chupa the Rabbi or Cantor sings

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He who is mighty over all, He who is blessed over all, He who is supreme over all, may He bless the groom and the bride with happiness and joy, peace and prosperity, good health and a long life VENOMAR AMEN!)

(IRUSIN) The Rabbi says the following two Berakhot

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The Rabbi gives the cup of wine to the groom and then the bride’s mother gives it to the bride.

The groom appoints the two witnesses, to the exclusion of any there witnesses, saying to them ATEM TIHIYU EDAI, “You be my witnesses”.

(KIDDUSHIN) The Rabbi gives the groom the ring and instructs him to look at his bride and repeat after him the following words

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HARE AT MEKUDESHET LI BETABAAT ZU KEDAT MOSHE VEISRAEL

(Behold, you are consecrated to me with this ring, according to the Law of Moses and Israel)

The groom then places the ring in the bride’s index finger.

Then he says the blessing Shehecheyanu and wears a new Talit.

BARUCH ATA ADO-NAY ELO-HENU MELEKH HAOLAM SHEHECHEYANU VEKIYEMANU VEHIGIANU LAZEMAN HAZEH.

(KETUBAH) The Rabbi reads the Ketubah

After the Ketubah is read the Rabbi gives it to the Chatan and instructs him to hand it to his wife saying to her:

KABLI ET KETUBATEEKH

The Rabbi says a few words of blessing to the Chatan and Kallah

The Rabbi instructs the Chatan to cover himself and his wife under his Talit. Friends are invited to hold the Talit over their heads as well.

The SHEVA BERACHOT are recited by the Rabbis or by the guests.

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The grooms drinks from the wine and gives his wife to drink from the same cup.

The Rabbi pronounces Birkat Cohanim (the priestly blessing). The couple remains covered under the Talit.

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IM ESHKACHEKH YERUSHALAIM

A glass cup is placed under the Chatan’s foot. The Rabbi

instructs the Chatan to say the following words, in remembrance of Yerushalaim, before breaking the cup.

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IM ESHKACHECH YERUSHALAIM TISHKACH YEMINI.

TIDBAK LESHONI LECHIKI IM LO EZKEREKHI .

IM LO AALE ET YERUSHALAIM AL ROSH SIMCHATI

. (If I ever forget You, Yerushalaim, let my right hand wither, If I don’t keep Yerushalaim in my memory, at my happiest hour)

The Chatan breaks the glass.

MAZAL TOV!