

# Ceremony

*Music* BY JEFF RAY

*Processional* “Going Back to Georgia”  
“Erev Shel Shoshanim”  
“Echoes in Dreams”

*Reading* – 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:8a

READ BY DIANE HOEY

*Music* “Painting by Chagall”  
CHUCK W\_\_\_\_, MONICA D\_\_\_\_,  
LAURA W\_\_\_\_, GRACE B\_\_\_\_

AFFIRMATION OF THE *Families* AND *Guests*

*Vows*  
READING AND SIGNING OF THE *Ketubah*

EXCHANGE OF *Rings*

SEVEN WEDDING BLESSINGS  
READ BY CAROL W\_\_\_\_

SHARING OF *Wine*

*Pronouncement* OF MARRIAGE & BENEDICTION

BREAKING OF THE *Glass*

*Recessional* “In My Life”

We will be taking a group photo on the patio during the cocktail hour, so please join us there after the ceremony.



THE *Chuppah*

Long after tents vanished from the Jewish landscape, wedding ceremonies continued to be held out of doors under the chuppah. The chuppah symbolizes modesty, the home, and community. It is open on all sides to suggest the importance of what is beyond our selves, just as Abraham had doors on all four sides of his home so that visitors would always know they were welcome.

*Affirmation* OF THE FAMILIES AND GUESTS

Family vows stem from a Protestant tradition known as the affirmation of the family and the congregation. During this portion of the ceremony, the officiant asks the family and the guests to affirm they will support the couple in their marriage. Families and guests respond “we will!”

SIGNING THE *Ketubah*

It is the custom of many peoples to sign a written contract as part of the wedding rituals. In the Jewish tradition, the ketubah was originally a legal document that listed the rights and obligations of the couple in marriage. Today, most ketubot are spiritual covenants the bride and groom make with one another. It is traditionally signed before the ceremony, but Rachel and Seth have chosen to read and sign it as part of their wedding ceremony. They would also like each guest to sign it after the ceremony.

*Sharing* THE WINE

Wine is an important symbol of unity and communion in Christian and Jewish traditions. Rachel and Seth will pour wine from their native states (Wisconsin and Ohio) into a glass and then drink from it during the wine blessing.

BREAKING THE *Glass*

The tradition of breaking the glass is a very old one, and its precise origins are uncertain. This custom symbolizes the transforming experience of marriage that leaves the individuals forever changed. The breaking of the glass is irreversible. So, too is the bond between bride and groom.

