

Order of the Jewish Wedding Ceremony

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Before the Wedding:

1. **Separation.** Custom not to see each other the week before the wedding.
2. **Oof roof.** 'calling up'. Custom to be called to the torah the Shabbat before the wedding.
3. **Fasting.** The day of the wedding.

Pre-ceremony

1. **Tenaim**-family's agreement with mothers breaking a plate
2. Signing of the **Ketubah** in front of two male Shabbat observant witnesses (who are not relatives) at the 'hatan's tisch' or table
3. **Bedekin**- Groom Places the veil over the face of the bride.
4. **Processional.** Bride and groom accompanied by parents.
5. **Chuppah**- Cantor sings baruch haba, blessings to the bride and groom.
6. Bride **Circles** the groom seven times

Marriage -Kiddushin

1. **Betrothal Blessing** over the wine- Birkat Erusin. Couple drinks from the wine
2. **Ring Ceremony** –groom places on bride's finger before two witnesses (same as the ketuba, or different ones) while saying the statement of betrothal.
3. Reading the **Ketubah**
4. **Speech.** Rabbi or other
5. **Sheva Berachot –Seven Blessings** recited over another cup of wine.
6. **Breaking the Glass**- even in our moment of greatest joy we remember the destruction of Jerusalem.

Post-Ceremony

1. **Yichud**- Alone time. Symbolically consummates the marriage
2. **Banquet**- special mitzvah to have a meal.
3. **Dancing**- mitzvah to bring joy to the bride and groom
4. **Sheva Brachot**- seven blessings said as part of the blessing after the meal
5. **Sheva Brachot**- six more dinner parties over the course of the week.