

ORTHODOX (ENGLISH) - DIRECT TRANSLATION

On the \_\_\_\_\_ day of the week, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of the month \_\_\_\_\_ in the year five thousand seven hundred and \_\_\_\_\_ since the creation of the world, the era according to which we reckon here in the city of \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ son of \_\_\_\_\_ said to this (virgin) \_\_\_\_\_ daughter of \_\_\_\_\_. “Be my wife according to the practice of Moses and Israel, and I will cherish, honor, support and maintain you in accordance with the custom of Jewish husbands who cherish, honor, support and maintain their wives faithfully. And I here present you with the marriage gift of (virgins), (two hundred) silver zuzim, which belongs to you, according to the law of Moses and Israel; and I will also give you your food, clothing and necessities, and live with you as husband and wife according to universal custom.” And Miss \_\_\_\_\_, this (virgin) consented and became his wife. The trousseau that she brought to him from her (father’s) house in silver, gold, valuables, clothing, furniture and bedclothes, all this \_\_\_\_\_, the said bridegroom accepted in the sum of (one hundred) silver pieces, and \_\_\_\_\_ the bridegroom, consented to increase this amount from his own property with the sum of (one hundred) silver pieces, making in all (two hundred) silver pieces. And thus said \_\_\_\_\_, the bridegroom: “The responsibility of this marriage contract, of this trousseau, and of this additional sum, I take upon myself and my heirs after me, so that they shall be paid from the best part of my property and possession that I have beneath the whole heaven, that which I now possess or may hereafter acquire. All my property, real and personal, even the shirt from my back, shall be mortgaged to secure the payment of this marriage contract, of the trousseau, and of the addition made to it, during my lifetime and after my death, from the present day and forever.” \_\_\_\_\_, the bridegroom, has taken upon himself the responsibility of this marriage contract, of the trousseau and the addition made to it, according to the restrictive usages of all marriage contracts and the additions to them made for the daughters of Israel, according to the institution of our sages of blessed memory. It is not to be regarded as a mere forfeiture without consideration or as a mere formula of a document. We have followed the legal formality of symbolic delivery (kinyan) between \_\_\_\_\_ the son of \_\_\_\_\_, the bridegroom and \_\_\_\_\_ the daughter of \_\_\_\_\_ this (virgin), and we have used a garment legally fit for the purpose, to strengthen all that is stated above, and everything is valid and confirmed.