

MAZEL TOV
And
CONGRATULATIONS
On Your Upcoming
MARRIAGE !

YOUR
WEDDING
BOOKLET

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ALL PEOPLES SYNAGOGUE

**“An Outreach Synagogue Dedicated to Embracing All
Branches of Judaism and the Interfaith”**

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OUTLINE OF MARRIAGE CEREMONY

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CONTEMPORARY and/or TRADITIONAL

JEWISH, and/or INTERFAITH, RELIGIOUS and/or SPIRITUAL*

1. CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE AND KETUBAH SIGNING CEREMONY

(Rabbi Frank is Authorized as an Ordained Rabbi to Sign your Civil License for the State of Florida

and Marriage Certificate, the Ketubah (Bride and Groom may Sign Together or Separately("Bedeken"-Veiling)

2. PROCESSIONAL TO MARRIAGE CANOPY (CHUPPAH)

(Processional Order to be Created by Bride, Groom and/or Rabbi)

3. WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS

(Personalized for the Bride and Groom) (English and/or Hebrew)

4. SYMBOLISM OF THE MARRIAGE CANOPY (CHUPPAH)

(Description and Meaning of the Chuppah)(Canopy and/or Arch)

5. SACRED EXCHANGE OF MARRIAGE VOWS

(Groom, then Bride accept Personalized Vows)

6. RING CEREMONY (Exchange and Acceptance of the Rings)

(Hebrew and/or English), (Symbolism of the Rings), (Reciting of Personalized Vows)

7. FRUIT OF THE VINE CEREMONY (Kiddush Blessing) (Sheva B'Rachot)

(Symbolism of the Kiddush Cup, "Cup of Life"), (Wine or Grape Juice), (Seven Blessings)

8. CANDELIGHTING CEREMONY (She'hechyanu Prayer for this Moment)

(Symbolism and Spiritual Meaning of Two Souls /Lives Coming Together as One)(B'aal Shem Tov Quote)

9. PRESENTATION OF THE KETUBAH (Marriage Certificate)

(Reading of the Marriage Certificate)

10. PRONOUNCEMENT AS HUSBAND AND WIFE

(Blessings and Prayers while holding the Ketubah), (Wrapped in "Tallit", the Prayer Shawl)

11. PERSONALIZED COMMENTARY BY RABBI FRANK

(Presentation of a Mezuzah Gift from the Rabbi for your Marital Home) (Honoring the Deceased)

12. KOHANIM BENEDICTION (Health, Happiness, Prosperity & Peace Blessing)

(Hebrew and/or English) (Rabbi Frank is privileged as a "Kohan" to Bestow this Spiritual Blessing)

13. BREAKING OF THE GLASS

(Symbolism and Meaning), (Many Pieces, Many Years, Many Blessings Together...")

14. BRIDE & GROOM, NOW HUSBAND & WIFE...KISS & KISS AND...

15. FORMAL PRESENTATION OF "MR. & MRS." (and/or as

“Husband & Wife”)

16. RECESSIONAL

(Order to be Created by Bride, Groom and/or Rabbi)

17. YICHUD (Oneness) and (Union)

(Privacy for the First Sacred Moments as Husband and Wife)

*Suggested Outline. Each Marriage Ceremony is Created Specifically for Each Couple, Based Upon Discussions and Consultations with RABBI FRANK. Questions/Comments? Please Contact RABBI FRANK or the Synagogue Office.

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***RITUAL ITEMS FOR BRIDE AND GROOM TO HAVE
AVAILABLE***

AT THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY WITH RABBI FRANK* ©

CIVIL LICENSE (Obtained at City Halls/ County Courthouses in Florida). (Regular license fee \$88.50)

Rabbi Frank will provide you with a **Pre-Marital Course Certificate** which discounts the regular license fee to \$56.00, saving you \$32.50 and eliminating the mandatory three (3) day waiting period.

WITNESSES (Two (2) witnesses required by the State for Civil License), (Two (2) witnesses required for the Ketubah), (Best Man, Maid of Honor and/or two (2) witnesses related or unrelated to the family).

WEDDING CANOPY (Chuppah), (Covering and/or Archway)

RINGS (Double ring for bride and groom or single ring for bride only)

YARMULKES (KIPPAHS) (Any color) (Optional)

KIDDUSH CUP (Silver or metal goblet preferred)

KOSHER WINE OR GRAPE JUICE (Red sweet, preferred)

THREE (3) CANDLES (Any size or color), or (2 candles and one thick Unity candle)

CANDLE HOLDERS OR CANDELABRA (To hold three (3) candles, separately or together)

MATCHES OR LIGHTER

GLASS TO BREAK (Wrapped in white cloth or napkin)

TABLE (To place all items during ceremony with white table cloth)

***RABBI FRANK WILL BRING TO THE MARRIAGE
CEREMONY****

(Complimentary, if requested)

WEDDING CANOPY (Chuppah)
Rabbi)

YARMULKES (KIPPAHS) (Any quantity)
Rabbi)

MICROPHONE SYSTEM (Self-contained)

KIDDUSH CUP (Silver)

BIBLE (Silver)

KETUBAH (Gift to couple from

MEZUZAH (Gift to couple from

KOSHER WINE

COMMUNITY WEDDING RING

GLASS TO BREAK

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***SUGGESTED PROCESSIONAL TO THE MARRIAGE
CANOPY* ©***

ALL THE GUESTS ARE SEATED (Either on their own or by Ushers)

GRANDPARENTS ARE SEATED (Either on their own or by Ushers)

RABBI PROCEEDS TO THE MARRIAGE CANOPY (CHUPPAH)

GROOM (Accompanied by Mom and Dad)

BEST MAN

USHERS (Groomsman)

BRIDESMAIDS

MAID OF HONOR

RING BEARER

FLOWER GIRL

BRIDE (Accompanied by Mom and Dad)

OR ANY COMBINATION SUCH AS*

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MARRIAGE VOWS

5. SACRED EXCHANGE OF MARRIAGE VOWS

GROOM, THEN THE BRIDE ACCEPT THESE VOWS AND/OR THEIR OWN PERSONALIZED VOWS

Rabbi Frank asks the Groom,

(Groom's Name)

“Do you take (Bride's Name), to be your wife and do you pledge that throughout your lifetime, you will continue to love her, honor her, cherish her, accept her, protect her and respect her, say, for all of us and the world to hear, I do”.

Rabbi Frank asks the Bride,

(Bride's Name)

“Do you take (Groom's Name), to be your husband and do you pledge that throughout your lifetime, you will continue to love him, honor him, cherish him, accept him, protect him and respect him, say, for all of us and the world to hear, I do”.

6. RING CEREMONY (Exchange and Acceptance of the Rings):

Groom says to the Bride:

(Bride's Name), be dedicated to me with this ring, as my wife, according to the (traditions of Judaism, Moses and Israel) and/or (the love we share with each other and our faith in God).

Bride says to the Groom:

(Groom's Name), be dedicated to me with this ring , as my husband, according to the (traditions of Judaism, Moses and Israel) and/or (the love we share with each other and our faith in God).

THE SEVEN MARRIAGE BLESSINGS

Abbreviated by RABBI FRANK

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These seven marriage benedictions have been part of Jewish weddings for thousands of years. Kabbalistically, the number 7 represents the seven **“Heh-Chaloth“-Heavens**, that one passes through spiritually to become one with God. On this marriage day, the genuine love between the bride and groom automatically places them in the seventh heaven.

RABBI:

1. Baruch ata Adonai ehloheynu mehlech ha-alam boreh p’ri ha-gafen. Amen.

Praised are You, Supreme Spirit of the Universe, who creates the grapes that give us the wine. **Amen.**

Please join me in confirming and blessing this marriage and these benedictions as we say together, Amen.

2. Baruch ata Adonai...

We praise you, dear God, as the Creator of all beautiful and glorious life! **Amen.**

3. Baruch ata Adonai...

We praise You, dear God, Creator of man and woman! **Amen.**

4. Baruch ata Adonai...

We praise you, dear God, Creator of each person in your image, that they may perpetuate life! **Amen.**

5. Sohs tasis v’tagehl ha-akarah...

May the world rejoice with peace! We praise you dear God, who causes the world to rejoice! **Amen.**

6. Sa-me-ach te-sa-mach reh-im ha-ah-hu-vim...

We praise you dear God, who causes these loving companions, our bride and groom to rejoice! **Amen.**

7. Baruch ata Adonai...

These are our prayers dear God, that you bless the groom and bride with joy and happiness! **Amen.**

RESOURCES FOR YOUR WEDDING

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Compiled by RABBI FRANK:

WEDDING PLANNING BOOKS:

The Everything Jewish Wedding Book by Helen Latner

The Complete Jewish Wedding Planner by Wendy Chernak Hefter

The New Jewish Wedding by Anita Diamont

JEWISH LIFESTYLE BOOKS:

The Jewish Way in Love and Marriage by Maurice Lamm

Living a Jewish Life: Jewish Traditions, Customs, Values for Today's Families by Anita Diamont

The Intermarriage Handbook: A Guide for Jews and Christians by Petsonk and Remsen

The Florida Jewish Directory: By Sandy Morrison

BOOK WEB SITES:

Search by: "Jewish Wedding Planners"

www.amazon.com

www.barnesandnoble.com

www.bordersbooks.com

WEDDING VENDOR WEBSITES:

Search by: "South Florida, Photographers, Videographers, Event Planners, DJ's, Music, Florists, etc."

www.google.com

www.joi.com

Rabbi Frank has been identified by local, national and international media, as well as his beloved congregants, as an , "inspirational", "dynamic", "charismatic", "enthusiastic", and "Deco Drive" Rabbi.

Rabbi Frank is well-known for his spiritually uplifting and creative ceremonies. He combines both the traditional with the contemporary, for congregants from all branches of Judaism, including the Interfaith.

His dedication to both his profession and congregants inspires him to conduct thousands of marriages, conversions, baby namings, bar/bat mitzvahs, and memorial services. He often makes guest appearances and is frequently seen and heard in the local media, and is published in many periodicals and books.

His caring and sensitive nature draws many people, including well-known celebrities from around the world, to engage him for their spiritual and religious ceremonies. He has traveled to extend his blessings throughout North and South America, the Caribbean, Europe, and Israel.

Guided by the vision of his late father, Rabbi Dr. Emmet Frank, and the great prophet Isaiah, and supported by his devoted and dedicated Synagogue staff, Rabbi Frank humbly states, *"I am simply a Rabbi serving all people based on their individual and spiritual desires."*

As quoted in the Miami Herald

"My House shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples sayeth the Lord, God"
Isaiah 56.7

TESTIMONIALS ABOUT RABBI FRANK

“For his dedication, perseverance, reverence and commitment to being a Jew, not just being Jewish, and for his unselfish spirit and drive which ignites, generates and inspires others...Rabbi Frank exemplifies Judaism and humanity, kindness and caring, helping and sharing...”

*a Tribute to Rabbi Frank, by Jordan Shapiro,
Arlyn and Henry Chandler,
Phyliss and Ron Harris*

“Your unique, and spiritual nature complimented our lifestyle...It was ‘B’Shert‘ (meant to be), that you were to come into our lives and touch our hearts with your words, words we shall live by the rest of our lives”

Traci and David Winn

“It was beautiful, it was touching, it was warm, it was inspiring, it was thought provoking, and the humor and kindness glued it all together!”

Bill and Madeline McConnell

“Our daughter Dorain and our new son-in-law, Jeff Rubeck, were truly blessed with a wedding ceremony that truly rejoices in the great wealth, tradition and ritual of our religious heritage.”

Maury Joseph

“We had no doubt when we reached an understanding in your offices the day we met that no one on earth could do a better job (for our marriage). We are kicking ourselves that we don’t have a video tape of the event - at least an *audio* tape. We so want to hear the grace and beauty of your words again, and I am afraid they are lost forever. I was beaming under the Chuppah with the wonder of what you said.”

Cathy Silton and Richard Gannon

“You performed the baby naming ceremony for our son, Stephen Broc,...In your understanding of our interfaith relationship to each other, you performed the ceremony in a way that made all who attended feel like welcome participants, and not guests. You invite comfort, command respect and have an aura about you that opens the souls of some and the hearts of others. Your reputation and style precede you with laurels.”

Douglas and Nancy Serrand

RABBI FRANK MEDIA NOTABLES

PUBLISHED IN: BOOKS

DIASPORA: Homelands in Exile,
HarperCollins © 2003

JEWS AMERICA: A Representation,
Brenner and Schama ©1996

THE INTERMARRIAGE HANDBOOK: A Guide for Jews and
Christians, Petsonk and Remsen © 1988

MEMBERS OF THE TRIBE: On the Road in Jewish America,
Zeev Chafets © 1988

GOOD MOURNING: What death teaches us about life,
Vivian Greene © 1989

MAGAZINES

NEWSPAPERS and

Jewish Star Times

Miami Herald

Palm Beach Post

New Times

Directory

Various Wedding Guides

Jewish Journal

Sun-Sentinel

Jewish Times

Florida Jewish

Jewish Israeli Magazine

SEEN ON:

TELEVISION

Channel 7 WSVN and “Deco Drive”

Channel 6 WLPG

Channel 10 WPLG

BBC Television Europe

Ceremonies

Channel 4 WFOR

Channel 2 PBS

Telemundo

Video: Wedding

HEARD ON:

RADIO

Arnie and the Rabbi WFTL 1400 AM
programs

Guest, numerous radio

GUEST APPEARANCES:

ENGAGEMENTS

Blessings: Numerous businesses and homes, i.e., Versace, Deco Drive TV, etc.,

Guest Speaker: University of Miami, Miami-Dade Community College, St. Thomas University, B'nai B'rith, ORT, Hadassah, Civic groups, etc.

Chaplain: Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines, Flamingo Neptune Yacht Club, Nursing Homes, Hospitals, Hospices, Cities etc.

Other: Recommended and Preferred Rabbi for Numerous Country Clubs, Hotels, Restaurants, Banquet halls, Funeral Homes, etc.

RABBI LORING J. FRANK
PRESENT & PAST PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

DEGREES AND HONORS:

Rabbinical Ordination & degree (Semicha) Free Academy Institute of Religion, Miami Beach, 1987; Honorary Rabbinical Ordination & Degree Semicha, 1991. New Seminary, NY, NY; Bachelor of Arts degree- University of Miami, 1974.

RABBINICAL CHAPLAIN:

All Peoples Synagogue Outreach programs, Broward Hospice. Hospice Care of Broward County, Knights of Pythias, Flamingo Neptune Yacht Club, Concept House Residential Treatment Facility, Macrobiotic Foundation, Imperial Club, The Sterling, Pointe Bayside, Harbour House, King David Hotel.

GUEST LECTURE:

University of Miami, St. Thomas University, New Seminary/New York City, Miami Dade Community College, Free Academy Institute of Religion, Jewish Heritage Tours, ORT, Hadassah, B'nai B'rith, Brandeis, various area Retirement Homes, Synagogues, churches, Radio Stations, TV Stations.

RABBINICAL RELATED POSITIONS:

Rabbi and Spiritual Leader, All Peoples Synagogue, Temple Kol-Ha'amim: Dean, New Seminary, South Florida Annex; Chairman, All People Synagogue; Indigent Referral and Assistance Program, President; All Peoples Thrift Shoppe Emporium. President Florida Free Academy Institute of Religion.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

Rabbinical Fellowship of America; National Rabbinic Network, International Federation Of Rabbis; Future business leaders of America. Southern Christian leadership Congress.

CIVIC GROUPS: GUEST CHAPLAIN:

Shriners. Kiwani, Optimists of North Dade.

OVERVIEW OF SERVICES: (local, national and international)

Jewish & Interfaith WEDDINGS, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, Baby Naming, Bris Ceremonies, Introduction to Judaism & Conversion Seminars, Funeral, Unveilings, Memorial Services, Bereavement Counseling, Pre & Post Wedding Counseling, Spiritual & Familial Counseling, High Holiday Services. Passover Services, Nursing Homes, Radio & TV Appearances, Shabbat Dinners, Worship Services, Guest Speaking Engagements.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Rabbi/Advisor for Channel 7 (WFOR) TV deco Drive, Host of Radio Talk Show (Arnie & the Rabbi) WFTL 1400 Advisory Board Member/Chaplin, Our Part of the Woods. Author /Essay Writer various newspapers & magazines. Officiating rabbi on preferred list of numerous hotels, country clubs, resorts, restaurants and funeral homes.

REFERENCES:

Rabbi Dr. Samuel Silver, Rabbi Emeritus, Temple Sinai, Delray Beach; Rabbi Dr. Joseph Gleberman, Rabbi & President. The New Seminary Rabbinical Institute; Rabbi Gabriel Ben Or, Rabbi Lewis Bogage. Reverend Bill Quick, Delray Beach.

The All Peoples Synagogue, known in Hebrew as Temple “Kol Ha Amim”, is a Synagogue “dedicated to serving all branches of Judaism”, interfaith families and welcoming all.

As a symbol of God’s open “Chuppah”, the canopy of love, the All Peoples Synagogue reaches out to all the Jewish and Jewish/Interfaith families in Palm Beach, Broward and Dade counties, and serves humanity throughout the world. Everyone is always welcome at the All Peoples Synagogue.

The All Peoples Synagogue has been dedicated since 1972 to serving all the unaffiliated, which represent approximately 85% of the Jewish population in South Florida.

The All Peoples Synagogue was founded through the vision of the late Rabbi Dr. Emmet Allen Frank that, “we will open our arms, our hearts and the doors of the Synagogue to welcome everyone to celebrate in the spirit of Judaism”, as inspired from the book of Isaiah 56.7. “My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples sayeth the Lord, God.”

Rabbi Loring J. Frank and the associate Rabbis believe Judaism is a religion and a spiritual path that welcomes all peoples who seek to attune to the presence of God in their lives as the source of health, abundance, joy, love and holiness.

The basic philosophy and purpose of the All Peoples Synagogue is to serve everyone searching for Jewish spiritual awakening, welcoming peoples of all branches of Judaism. The unique religious progressivism of the All Peoples Synagogue serves all Jewish people,

Liberal, Reform, Humanistic, Reconstructionist, Conservative, Progressive and Orthodox, and the larger communities of other religious backgrounds who desire to learn more about the history and faith of the Jewish people. The All Peoples Synagogue offers various Jewish educational seminars. The Synagogue encourages and supports anyone who wishes to learn about the faith of Judaism by offering Introduction to Judaism and Conversion to Judaism Seminars.

The Rabbis and Synagogue staff are available to officiate at various life cycle occasions, including Brit and Baby Naming ceremonies, Bar & Bat Mitzvah instructions and services, Jewish and Interfaith Marriage Ceremonies, Memorial and Unveiling Services, and all other religious ceremonies pertaining to our Jewish heritage and traditions.

The main Synagogue sanctuary is open seven days a week for prayer, meditation, viewing of Judaica art work and objects, for individuals and/or Jewish heritage tour groups.

To better serve the South Florida Jewish community, the All Peoples Synagogue sponsors High Holy Day services and Passover Seders at various locations. Everyone is always welcome to attend, membership is not required.

The All Peoples Synagogue is supported by donations from the people who avail themselves of the services of the Synagogue and others who sponsor the ongoing outreach efforts of the Synagogue. For more information about the All Peoples Synagogue and other rabbinical and life cycle ceremonies, please contact the Synagogue.

A MARITAL PLEDGE

IF YOU PLEDGE TO RABBI FRANK TO...

1. Recreate your marriage ceremony every anniversary in the “Chuppah” of your home!
2. Light your marriage candles, remembering how God brought your lives together!
3. Sip sweet wine or grape juice from your “Kiddush” blessing cup, remembering the sweetness and joy you shared on your wedding day, and remembering the grapes, that make the wine, grow together and they grow in bunches, and may you be fruitful and joyful together!
4. Look at your wedding rings everyday, remembering your eternal bond of love you made with each other and with God, and “love plus love equals God!”
5. Hang your “Ketubah”, marriage certificate, in the sanctuary of your home, remembering “I am my beloved, and my beloved is mine...”!
6. Hang your Mezuzah in your home, preferably your bedroom, and “may you have many wonderful blessings in your bedroom together!”
7. Call me every anniversary to let me know how well you are doing!
8. Call me for all your baby naming ceremonies, many times!

RABBI FRANK WILL PLEDGE TO YOU...

1. I will be honored to give you a wedding blessing benediction every anniversary, on the phone or in person, as I did under the Chuppah during your marriage ceremony.
2. On your 10th Anniversary, I will present to you a 10th Anniversary Certificate...
3. On your 25th Anniversary I will present to you a 25th Silver Anniversary Certificate...
4. On your 50th Anniversary I will present to you a 50th Golden Anniversary Certificate...
5. After your 50th Anniversary, you are on your own, and I am retiring!

GOD BLESS YOU BOTH!

Signed,

Signed,

Rabbi Frank

Bride/Wife

Groom/Husband

To:
CLERK OF COURTS
MARRIAGE LICENSE DIVISION

PRE-MARITAL COURSE CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that:

has completed our Pre-Marital Course and Counseling, provided by our
Synagogue, on the _____ day of _____, 200____
and conducted through personalized instruction by
Rabbi Frank.

Rabbi Loring J. Frank
Certified Pre-Marital Preparation Instructor
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