



English Ketubah Text

On the _____ day of the week, the _____ day of the [Hebrew] month of _____, the year _____ after the creation of the world, according to the manner in which we count [dates] here in _____, the bridegroom _____ son of _____ said to this _____ daughter of _____, “Be my wife according to the law of Moses and Israel.

I will work honor, feed and support you in the custom of Jewish men, who work, honor, feed, and support their wives faithfully. I will give you the settlement of _____ silver zuzim, which is due you according to _____ law, as well as your food, clothing, necessities of life, and conjugal needs, according to the universal custom.”

_____ agreed, and became his wife. This dowry that she brought from her father’s house, whether in silver, gold, jewelry, clothing, home furnishings, or bedding, _____, our bridegroom, accepts as being worth _____ silver pieces (zekukim).

Our bridegroom, _____ agreed, and of his own accord, added an additional _____ silver pieces (zekukim) paralleling the above. The entire amount is _____ silver pieces (zekukim).

_____ our bridegroom made this declaration: “The obligation of this marriage contract (ketubah), this dowry, and this additional amount, I accept upon myself and upon my heirs after me. It can be paid from the entire best part of the property and possessions that I own under all the heavens, whether I own [this property] already, or will own it in the future. [It includes] both mortgageable property and non-mortgageable property. All of it shall be mortgaged and bound as security to pay this marriage contract, this dowry, and this additional amount. [it can be taken] from me, even from

the shirt on my back, during my lifetime, and after my lifetime, from this day and forever.”

And the surety for all the obligations of this marriage contract (ketubah), dowry and the additional sum has been assumed by _____ the said groom, with the full obligation dictated by all documents of ketubot and additional sums due every daughter of Israel, executed in accordance with the enactment of our Sages, of blessed memory. It is not to be regarded as an indecisive contractual obligation nor as a stereotyped form.

And we have completed the act of acquisition from _____ son of _____ our bridegroom, to _____ daughter of _____, regarding everything written and stated above, with an article that is fit for such a kinyan. And everything is valid and confirmed.

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