17 Adar II 5782 (I need a bit of help to ensure that this is filled in correctly. Thank you!)

On the \_\_\_\_\_ day of the week, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of the month of Adar, in the year 5782, corresponding to the twentieth day of March in the year 2022, in Willimantic, Connecticut, Michael Lassow and Marta Koonz spoke these words and shared in the rites that united their lives and affirmed their love.

I stand with you, promising to celebrate life’s blessings with wonder, joy and laughter and meet life’s challenges with strength and courage. Together. Always together.

Our bond is one forged in compassion, kindness, and friendship. I pledge to always nurture this bond – emotionally, spiritually, intellectually, and soulfully, mindful of your unique qualities and strengths. I promise to always seek to be open and honest, understanding and forgiving. I pledge to cherish our shared love, to encourage you in all that you do, offering support and acceptance for who you are and who you seek to become.

You are my best friend, my future, my strength, and the one my soul loves. In your eyes I see unshakable devotion, and in your heart I find home. Together, with our families and friends, we will create a life filled with happiness, peace, and love, living that life in a way that sends ripples of hope out into the world. I take your hands now, to bind and validate this sacred promise.