*I am my beloved’s and my beloved is mine.*

**אֲנִי לְדוֹדִי וְדוֹדִי לִי**

On the first day of the week, the twenty-sixth day of the month of Elul, in the year 5777, corresponding to the seventeenth day of the month of September, in the year 2017, here, in the presence of family and friends, the beloved, Rachel Beth Nachmias, child of Carolyn Sharenow Nachmias and Mark David Nachmias, and the beloved, Stephen Miller Simensen, child of Barbara Ann Simensen and Stephen Conrad Simensen, have entered the covenant of marriage.

The sages tell us that when the world was created, everything fit perfectly like the pieces in a puzzle. There was beauty; there was peace; there was love. Over time, the pieces were blown apart and scattered.

But every time two souls come together in love and harmony, the puzzle comes together a bit more. The light of their joining is greater than the light they cast alone.

As we set out on our journey, we know there will be pockets of darkness. May we have the courage to pass through. Let us honor our separateness but know that together our light is a beacon to show us the way.

May our light shine back upon the traditions of our ancestors and forward to illuminate the way for future generations.

Let our love shine a light to repair the world.

May we be better in being together.

Bride: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Groom: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Rabbi: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_