On the sixth day of the week, the fifteenth day of the month, of Kislev, in the year 5779, corresponding to the twenty-third day of November in the year 2018, here on Paugussett land of Saugatuck in what is called Westport, Connecticut, the beloveds, Brittany, daughter of Theresa, Paul, Wendy, and Donald, and Daniel, son of Marlene and Robert, Chayah Sarah Bat Sarah and Avraham, and Areyeh David Ben Malkah and Shimon, entered into this mutual covenant as equal partners, loving and supporting companions in life.

We commit to maintaining a home based on a life-loving outlook, a striving for active empathy and cooperation, and shared values of freedom and compassion for all living beings and communities.

We commit, to the best of our abilities, to ensuring that each of us is living with nourishing food, shelter, clothing, and other needs and comforts as can be reasonably provided within our means, even when one partner may be able to contribute less than the other. We commit to equitably sharing meaningful work including housework and childcare.

We commit to making quality time for each other each day, whether all day or for a few minutes.  It is our goal to approach life as a team and focus on building each other up. As we share life’s everyday experiences we promise to strive for an intimacy that will enable us to express our innermost thoughts and feelings, to be sensitive at all times to each other’s spiritual, mental, physical, and emotional needs, to share in life’s joys and support and comfort each other through life’s sorrows.

Family is of utmost importance, extended and blended families included. If ever a member of our families is in need, we will do our best to help them by offering a place to stay, a meal, emotional support, and any other assistance we can provide and that is needed. Friends in need can always turn to us, and we will do what we can. As we help each other, we will aid the Earth and the living beings which exist within it, through our social engagements, our everyday lives, our ethical diets, and our interactions with younger and future generations.

    We commit to being engaged in our Jewish and local communities and as citizens of the world. We commit to tikkun olam (repairing the world), direct action, mutual aid, and giving according to the principle of tzedaka (righteousness).

We will address conflicts by actively and non-judgmentally listening to each other, expressing our feelings openly and honestly, trying to find mutual agreements, and respecting each other’s space when requested. We both agree to seek help from outside sources when needed, individually or as a couple.

We will raise our children with the mindset that one day they will be adults and it is our duty to best prepare them for that. We believe that freedom, choice and play unleash innate instincts to learn and grow as individuals embedded in larger communities. While we will share Jewish and Irish cultural and spiritual traditions with our children, we will encourage them to explore and create the outlooks and lifestyles that help and empower them as individuals.

In the event of sickness, great or small, we agree to stand by each other, care for each other, and provide or find the necessary support. We will advocate for each other to receive the care and assistance that we want or have requested. In the event that one of us unable to determine the most appropriate care for themself, we trust the other partner to make the best decision possible, based on advice from family, friends, spiritual teachers, and doctors.

We joyfully enter into this covenant and solemnly accept its obligations. All this is valid and binding.

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