On September 1st of 2019, corresponding to the 1st of Elul of 5779 in the Hebrew calendar, in Elmhurst, Illinois, Hannah Alyse Altshuler and Matthew Alexander Goldberg joyfully choose to marry each other. We pledge to build a home that prioritizes family, community, continuous learning, and a commitment to Jewish values. We will:

Nurture a collaborative partnership built on trust, equality, open communication, and unconditional love.

Laugh as much as possible and embrace each day’s little joys.

Always take on each other’s needs as our own, whether in good times or bad.

Be present during times of hardship.

Continue to evolve our understanding of the world by learning from one another and remaining open to new perspectives.

Respect each other’s individuality and unique needs.

Support each other’s personal growth, while continuously strengthening our partnership.

Compromise.

Strive to be advocates for social justice within our community.

Celebrate Jewish traditions and build a modern Jewish home.

We have a vision of the home we hope to build. In it, there is an abundance of snacks. And books. There are appetizing smells coming from the kitchen. We can cook dinner, be ourselves, cuddle, and pursue our passions. We show affection with kisses and hugs. We can challenge each other to be our best selves. Friends and family will feel welcome and comfortable. Ice cream will be consumed regardless of the temperature outside. Jewish traditions will be observed, respected, and adapted to our lifestyle. And one day, our roles as partners might take on added responsibility as parents.

But, whether we are fortunate enough to realize our vision fully or we experience deviations from this plan, we will celebrate our shared future, grateful to be able to do so together.

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