On the 7th day of the week, the 22nd day of the month of August in the year 2020, corresponding to the 3rd day of Elul in the year 5780 here in Gaithersburg, Maryland in the presence of family and friends, the beloveds Leo David Fox-Rabinovitz and Yuliya Igorevna Rivkina entered into the covenant of marriage.

As beloveds and friends we choose to walk life’s path together. We pledge to be loving friends, and supportive companions all through our life. Our lives are now forever intertwined. Our similarities will bind us, our differences will enrich us, and our love will define us. We will share our hopes and dreams, and help each other discover our strengths and weaknesses, so that we can emphasize or overcome them. We will celebrate all of the passages of life together with affection and compassion. In times of happiness we will cherish each other, and in times of trouble we will protect each other. We will build a home together and fill it with laughter, empathy, trust, friendship, companionship and love; a home in which holidays and tradition are celebrated in accordance with our past. May we live each day as the first, the last, the only day we will have with each other. We joyfully enter into this covenant of companionship and love. From this day forward, we are as one; we are bound together as a family.

I commit myself to serve your continued well-being and becoming. I will share with you the resources of time, money and effort, share the decisions that will shape our lives, and share even the hardest details of my inner life, to make you my closest confidant and witness. I will mourn your losses and celebrate your successes with you. I will practice curiosity about your nature, your needs, and your endeavors. I will support your self-expression in work and play, support your connection to friends, family, God, and the natural world, and support the atmosphere of joy, romance, humor, health, peace, and adventure in our home. I will care for my own body, mind, and will, to be healthy and grounded in myself and in harmony with you. I will care for you in illness and hardship. Someday, I will care for you in your dying.

We will remember that we fell in love by gazing into each other’s eyes, and turning to stand side by side and looking out unto the world in the same direction.