On the \_\_\_ day of the week, the \_\_\_\_ day of the month of \_\_\_ in the year \_\_\_ , corresponding to the 24th day of October in the year 2021 here in St. Louis, Missouri in the presence of family and friends, the beloveds Rachel Rifkin and Nikhil Kothegal enter into the covenant of marriage.

As devoted partners, we promise to love, cherish, encourage, inspire, and validate one another throughout our lives. We will endeavor to promote balance in our lives, to practice gratitude, and to cultivate in ourselves kindness, patience, sensitivity, and compassion. We shall be friends and companions committed to promoting each other’s happiness, whether in times of adventure or in times of drudgery. We will strive to embrace each other’s uniqueness, recognizing the contributions our distinctive qualities bring to this relationship, and the patience required to appreciate these differences. We will rejoice in celebration when good fortune arises and provide mutual support when sorrow and trepidation befall us. We commit to lovingkindness as a value and a practice, in words and in action for one another. Let us not be complacent in our comforts: together, we pledge our service to humanity, our eternal commitment to justice, and our respect for the earth and all who dwell upon it.

May our heritage and history inform and enrich our sense of peoplehood and culture. Together we will build a Jewish home filled with compassion, laughter, intellectual curiosity, and a respect for all life, human and non-human.

We promise here to never take the other for granted. We accept these responsibilities with humility, grace, and all the devotion in our hearts. We affirm our commitment to each other from this day forward.