

## Definitions related to Marriage

Ref: *Sefer Nashim, Hilchot Ishut, Chapter 10*

### ERUSIN

This is also referred to as *kidushin*

It is the first stage of marriage whereby the woman becomes forbidden to other men.

### NISUIN

Even although the bride is forbidden to other men, the marriage is not consummated until the bride enters her husband's home and is in privacy with him. This is represented by the *chuppah* and the *yichud* room in the marriage ceremony.

Once *chuppah* has taken place, this is the process of *nisuin* and couple can thereafter live together as man and wife.

### CHUPPAH

The canopy under which the wedding ceremony takes place, which represents the privacy stage of marriage after *erusin*.

The *yichud* room also represents this stage of privacy.

At present, both the stages of *erusin* and *nisuin* takes place under the *chuppah*.

After the *chuppah*, sexual relations can take place.

### MARRIAGE BLESSINGS

There are **6**

Including the blessing on wine, makes **7**

These blessings are said before the marriage, and these days they are said under the *chuppah*.

However, it is not the blessings which establish the marriage, but rather the entry into the *chuppah*.

### KETUBAH (MARRIAGE CONTRACT)

This contract must be made by the man before entry into the *chuppah*.



The *Rabanim* ordained the writing of a *ketubah* before the *chuppah*. This protects the wife from being divorced in a casual manner.

The *ketubah* obliges husband to pay wife (if a virgin) **minimum 200 dinar** on divorce or death. If she was not a virgin, the **minimum would be 100 dinar** on divorce or death.

#### Reminder:

Pack on Weights and Measures



It is forbidden for a man to continue living with his wife, even for a single moment, if she does not have a *ketubah*.

However, a *ketubah* does not bring about *nisuin*. It is the *chuppah*.

#### Reminder:

Pack on *Shtar*





It is also *Derabanan* to celebrate the marriage **7** days with a virgin wife and **3** days with a non-virgin wife.

Weddings are not conducted on Friday, *Shabbat* or Sunday (in case *Shabbat* may be desecrated).

Even on *Chol Hamoed*, weddings are not held.