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A JEWISH COMPANION TO LOVE & MARRIAGE

A COVENANT OF

Love



*Reflections on marriage from Jewish tradition
and the teachings of Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks*



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Attraction, Rabbi Sacks wrote, is the most fleeting of emotions. When it seeks to perpetuate itself as love, it takes the form of marriage: a covenant in which both parties pledge themselves to one another, to be loyal and steadfast, to stay together through difficult times as well as good, and to achieve together what neither could do alone.

A marriage is created not by force but by words: the word given, the word received, the word honoured in faithfulness and trust. That, he taught, is what Sinai was too. In giving Israel the Torah, G-D was not asserting power, but declaring love. Which is why, each weekday morning, a Jew winds the strap of the tefillin around the finger like a wedding ring, renewing that covenant anew.

The supreme poet of this love was Hosea, who gave Israel the very words a bridegroom gives his bride: 'I will betroth you to Me forever; I will betroth you to Me in righteousness and justice, in kindness and compassion, and in faithfulness.' A ring has no beginning and no end. Neither, said the prophet, does this love.

"Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is strong as death."

THE STORY CONTINUES

This is a taste of
A Covenant of Love

The full edition holds thirteen Hebrew ideas, from the covenant and the ring to the chuppah, joy, and peace in the home, each with the words of Rabbi Sacks, the Torah, and the sages, together with the Seven Blessings and a glossary so every reader can follow the Hebrew.



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