## A New Ketubah Text (1987)

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## עוסח שטר כתובה




This translation of the new RA Ketubah (1987) was prepared by Rabbi Elliot Dorff.

We testify that on the day of the $\qquad$ week, the $\qquad$ day of the month of $\qquad$ in the year 57 $\qquad$ , corresponding to the $\qquad$ day of
$\qquad$ , here in $\qquad$ , the groom, , said to the bride, $\qquad$ "Be my wife according to the laws and traditions of Moses and the Jewish People. I will work on your behalf and honor, sustain and support you according to the practice of Jewish men, who faithfully work on behalf of their wives and honor, sustain and support them. And I obligate myself to give you the sum of $\qquad$ zuzim as the money for your Ketubah, to which you are entitled (according to ___ law), and I will provide your food, clothing and necessities, and I will live with you in marital relations according to universal custom."

And the bride, $\qquad$ , agreed to these and to become his wife, to participate together with him in establishing their home in love, harmony, peace and companionship according to the practice of Jewish women.

The groom, $\qquad$ , accepted responsibility for the full dowry that she brought from her $\qquad$ house, whether in silver, gold, jewelry, clothes or furnishings, according to the sum of $\qquad$ zuzim, and agreed to increase the amount from his own assets with the sum of $\qquad$ zuzim, for a total of $\qquad$ zuzim.
The groom, $\qquad$ , said, "I take upon myself and my heirs after me the obligation of this ketubah, the dowry and the additional sum, to be paid from the best part of all my property, real and personal, that I now possess or may hereafter acquire. From this day forward, all my property, wherever it may be, even the mantle on my back, shall be mortaged and liened for the payment of this ketubah, dowry, and additional sum, whether during my lifetime or thereafter." _, the groom, took upon himself the obligations and strictures of this ketubah, this dowry and this additional sum as is customary with other ketubot made for Jewish women in accordance with the enactment of our Sages, may their memory be for a blessing. , the groom, and $\qquad$ , the bride, further agreed that should either contemplate dissolution of their marriage, or following dissolution of their marriage in the civil courts,
each may summon the other to the Beit Din of the Rabbinical Assembly and the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, or its representative, and that each will abide by its instructions so that throughout life each will be able to live according to the laws of the Torah.

This Ketubah is not to be regarded as mere rhetoric or as a perfunctory legal from. We have performed the act which in Jewish Law makes the obligations of this document legally binding on the part of
$\qquad$ , the groom, to $\qquad$ , the bride, and
on the part of $\qquad$ the bride, to $\qquad$ , the groom, with an instrument fit for that purpose in order to confirm all that is stated and specified above, which shall be valid and immediately effective.


## NOTES

1. באחד בשני בשלישי ברביעי בחמישי בששי
2. באחד בשני ימים בשלשה ימים. בארבעה ימים. בחמשה ימים. בששה ימים. בשבעה ימים. בשמנה ימים. בתשעה ימים. בעשרה ימים. באחד עשר יום. בשנים עשר יום. בשלשה עשר יום. בארבעה עשר יום. בחמשה עשר יום. בששה עשר יום. בשבעה עשר יום. בשמונה עשר יום. בתשעה עשר יום. בעשרים יום. באחד ועשרים יום. בשנים ועשרים יום. בשלשה ועשרים יום. בארבעה ועשרים יום. בחמשה ועשרים יום. בששה ועשרים יום. בשבעה ועשרים יום. בשמונה ועשרים יום. בתשעה ועשרים יום.

3. The feminine form is used e.g. ועשרים וחמש.
4. City.
5. הכהן, הלוי
6. (proselyte) ,גיורתא, (divorcee) (widow) (virgin) איתתא, בתולתא (others).
7. Select appropriate line

> מוהר בתוליכי כסף זוזי מאתן דחזי ליכי מדאוריתא.
> כסף ארמלותיכי זוזי מאה דחזי ליכי מדרבנן.
> כסף מתרכותיכי זוזי מאה דחזי ליכי. כסף זוזי מאה דחזי ליכי.
8. If father is living: אבוה: if deceased: נשא
9. בתולה: במאה. אחרת: בחמשין

בתולה: מאה. אחרת: חמשין 10.
11. בתולה: מאתים. אחרת: מאה

בתולה: מאתים. אחרת: מאה 12.

