

# Aaron & Cecilia's Wedding Script

## September 20<sup>th</sup> 2003, Chateau Bourron

### ----- Processional -----

*Music starts.*

*Maid of honor & best man walk down aisle to front, each lights one candle on the table, then separate to each side (best man on left, maid of honor on right). Note that maid of honor lights candle on right, the best man lights candle on left.*

*Aaron & parents walk down aisle to front, separate leaving Aaron on the left side (Aaron's parents sit in the front row on the left side).*

*Cecilia & parents walk down aisle to front, separate leaving Cecilia on the right side (Cecilia's parents sit in the front row on the right side).*

### ----- Welcome by the MC & Ceremony Blessing -----

MC: I will start by welcoming all of the guests present today, many who have traveled long distances to be here, to celebrate the uniting of Aaron Jacobson and Cecilia Prieto in the bond of marriage.

Marriage is a gift shared by two people who are in love, but it also directly touches the friends and family members who in various ways support and contribute to the relationship. Some of you have known Aaron or Cecilia for many years, others for much less time, but all of you have meant something special to them, which is why you were asked to witness this special moment in their lives today.

We will start the ceremony with a Jewish blessing over the bride and groom given by Patricia Jacobson, Aaron's mother.

Patricia: At a Jewish wedding the guests are asked to assume more than just a passive role, and are asked not only to rejoice and honor the bride and groom on their wedding day, but also to actively remain a supportive community to them throughout their married lives. The Mi Adir blessing is read to bless the bride, the groom, and their supportive community of friends and family, as follows:

מי אדיר על הכל.

מי ברוך על הכל.

מי גדול על הכל.

יקרך את-הסתן ואת-הכלה

Splendor is upon everything  
Blessing is upon everything  
Who is full of this abundance  
Bless this bride and groom

**----- Address by the MC & Poem Reading -----**

MC: Aaron, Cecilia, you come before this marriage altar today ready to spend the rest of your lives together. I know that you have given this important step very serious consideration, and I hope that you are at the beginning of many days and years of increasing happiness and fulfillment. You will now commit yourselves to each other, and your hopes, your aspirations, and your very lives will forever be intertwined. Whatever happens, everything that each of you says or does, everything that each of you thinks or feels, will have a profound affect upon the other. You must always remember that marriage is much more than a wedding ceremony. I nor anyone else can marry you to each other, you must marry yourselves to each other. Also remember that true marriage, successful marriage, must always involve a constant growth of understanding, of skill, and even of love, and at times requires the best that is in you. The past holds many wonderful moments in your lives, but I hope that the best is still yet to be, and I wish you luck in your adventure.

MC: We will now continue the ceremony with poem reading by Nancy Velarde, Cecilia's mother.

Nancy: Poem reading...

**----- Charge to the Couple & Betrothal -----**

MC: Aaron and Cecilia, you have come to love each other deeply and sincerely. That love has given you the desire to unite in marriage and to establish a home together. In this ceremony you are dedicating yourselves to give happiness and well-being, each to the other. Your marriage is an act of faith. It must not be based on the vain hope of what the other will do or will not do, might become or might not become. It must be based on the firm belief in your own individual worth, and in the individual worth of the other. Your pledge today is an expression of your devotion. The words spoken in this ceremony will validate your marriage only if your love and commitment to one another are strong enough to sustain it.

MC: Aaron, will you have Cecilia as your partner in life? Will you love her, care for her and respect her? Will you cherish her uniqueness and respect her individuality as you enter into this union of love and trust?

Aaron: I will.

MC: Cecilia, will you have Aaron as your partner in life? Will you love him, care for him and respect him? Will you cherish his uniqueness and respect his individuality as you enter into this union of love and trust ?

Cecilia: I will.

**----- Exchange of Vows -----**

MC: And now, standing here in the presence of your families and the people who are most important to you, I will ask you to pledge your forever and enduring love to each other.

MC: Aaron, do you accept Cecilia as your partner in marriage? Do you promise of your own free will and consent to take Cecilia to be your wife, and do you promise to love, honor, and cherish her throughout life? If so answer "I do".

Aaron: I do.

MC: Cecilia, do you accept Aaron as your partner in marriage? Do you promise of your own free will and consent to take Aaron to be your husband, and do you promise to love, honor, and cherish him throughout life? If so answer "I do".

Cecilia: I do.

MC: We will now continue with the Jewish blessing over the wine given by Sarah Jacobson, Aaron's sister.

Sarah: The blessing over the wine is known as the kiddush. We say the kiddush to give thanks for our good fortune of having fruit available to us today. The word kiddush also means sanctification, so as we recite this blessing we symbolically sanctify Aaron and Cecilia on their wedding day. Both Aaron and Cecilia will drink from the kiddush cup to share their thanks.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, בורא פרי הנפח.

*Aaron and Cecilia both take a sip from the wine glass.*

### ----- Exchange of Rings -----

MC: And now Aaron place this ring upon the finger of your bride, as a symbol of the unity and oneness of your two lives, and repeat these words....

MC: With this ring I marry you.

Aaron: With this ring I marry you.

MC: And I promise you my love and respect.

Aaron: And I promise you my love and respect.

MC: And now Cecilia place this ring upon the finger of your groom, as a symbol of the unity and oneness of your two lives, and repeat these words....

MC: With this ring I marry you.

Cecilia: With this ring I marry you.

MC: And I promise you my love and respect.

Cecilia: And I promise you my love and respect.

MC: And by these rings, in this place, you symbolize your marriage bond. May their meaning sink into your hearts, and bind your lives together with respect, happiness, love and trust.

May you always communicate openly and honestly with each other. May your relationship remain one of an ever-deepening love, and may the happiness you share today be with you always. Now I ask that you together light this candle, as a symbol of this union.

*Aaron & Cecilia together light the candle*

*Trio plays musical piece (Menuet from Handel's Water Music)*

## ----- **Pronouncement & Breaking of the Glass** -----

MC: And now that you have spoken the words, and performed the rites, which unite your lives, I do hereby declare your marriage to be valid and binding, and I pronounce you Aaron and Cecilia to be husband and wife before your family and friends. I ask that you now break this glass and pick up the pieces, in the hope that your lives will forever remain sacred, and that you will forever concern yourselves and care for the lives of others that are broken or in need.

*Aaron breaks the glass in a napkin, picks up napkin and places it on the table.*

MC: You may now kiss the bride.

*Aaron kisses Cecilia*

*Music starts*