

# Breaking of the Glass

There is a time honored tradition in the Judeo Wedding Ceremony where it is customary for the groom to break a thin glass under foot. There are many explanations. The one most prevalent is that it is considered to be a warning to the bridal couple of the fragility of life.

It also symbolizes irrevocability. Just as the breaking of the glass is an irrevocable act, we pray that years of marriage be not less than the time it would take to piece these fragments of broken glass back together. We must always treat our marriage with an extra measure of respect to care enough to protect it and to keep it in one piece.

*( The best man places the glass beside the groom's foot )*

As \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ have consented together in lawful wedlock and have witnesses the same before this company, and thereto have pledged their faith each to the other, and have declared the same by joining hands and by giving and receiving a ring; by the powers vested in me, as a Justice of the Peace for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I now pronounce you husband and wife.

*( The groom now steps on the glass )*

Mazzletov !

Congratulations !

You may now kiss the bride.

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