

Ceremony Participants

Rabbi Patricia Karlin-Neumann
Associate Dean of Religious Life, Stanford University

Laurence Mathews (Friend)
Best Man

Sheila and Robert Forst
Groom's Parents

Pamela McBride (Jackie's Sister)
Matron of Honor

Christopher McBride (Jackie's Nephew)
Ring Bearer

DeLois and Chester Scott
Bride's Parents

Daryle Williams (Friend)
Reader of Blessings in English

Dana Forst (David's Sister)
Reader of Ketubah

Leslie Harris (Friend)
Reader of Blessings in English

Paula O'Connor (Friend)
Reader of Blessings in English

Ketubah Signers

Nadav Caine (Friend)
Bernard Verin (Friend)

Ushers

John Drabinski (Friend)
Bob de la Fuente (Friend)
Bruce Peters (Friend)
Fred Scott (Jackie's Brother)

JACQUELINE RENÉE SCOTT
&
DAVID LEE FORST

JULY 2, 2000

Dear Family and Friends,

Jewish tradition considers it a good deed to share in the joy of the bride and groom. We are delighted that you have come to perform a good deed by joining us in our wedding celebration!

We have prepared this program to guide you through the traditions and symbols of our ceremony.

Kippot

At Jewish religious events, men and, if it is their custom, women, wear a *kippah* (head covering), as a symbol of respect for God.

Ketubah

Just before the ceremony we signed our *ketubah*, the Jewish marriage contract. The traditional *ketubah*, which dates from the end of the first century C.E., is a legal document in which the groom "acquires" the bride; it spells out the obligations of the groom to his bride during the marriage and provides for her support if the marriage comes to an end. While advanced for its time, many Jews today prefer a more egalitarian document. We wrote our own *ketubah* in which we proclaim the values and obligations to each other that we consider most important. It will be read during the ceremony.

Chuppah

The ceremony takes place under the *chuppah* (marriage canopy), which symbolizes the home we will create together. The *chuppah* is open on all four sides to let our family, friends, and community know that they are always welcome in our home. Our *chuppah* is a quilt made by Jackie's great grandmother, Florence Anthony.

Ceremony

Each of us will be escorted down the aisle by our parents. As Jackie approaches the *chuppah*, David will step forward to welcome her to the *chuppah*.

The wedding ceremony consists of two parts: The *kiddushin* and the *nisuin*. The *kiddushin* forges the connection between the two of us, and the *nisuin* forges the connection between us and God.

The *kiddushin* begins with a blessing over wine. Wine is a symbol of joy, and is used to consecrate Jewish ceremonies. A second blessing is read which sanctifies the holiness of marriage. Then we will place a ring on each other's finger. David's sister, Dana, will read the *ketubah* to end the first part of the ceremony.

The second part of the ceremony, the *nisuin*, consists of the recitation, in succession, of seven blessings. The blessings express gratitude to God for the creation of humanity, hope that the joy of the bride and groom will be intense and perpetual, and rejoicing for the bride and groom. The last blessing is said over a second cup of wine.

Rabbi Karlin-Neumann will deliver a short sermon and give the priestly benediction.

At the end of the ceremony, we will break a glass with our feet. The breaking of the glass is a reminder that even in this moment of great joy, there has been and continues to be much suffering and there is much left in the world to be repaired. As we break the glass, everyone is encouraged to call out "*Mazel Tov*" (good luck/congratulations).

Yichud

After the ceremony we will retreat to a private room for *yichud* (togetherness), the first act required of newlyweds. While alone, we will share our first meal as husband and wife and feed this meal to each other as a symbol that we will sustain each other throughout our marriage. This is also our chance to spend the first few moments of our married life together before rejoicing with all of you during the reception.

Thank you for helping us to rejoice on our wedding day!

Love,
Jackie and David