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### *Breaking of the Glass Ceremony*

As Performed by Rev. Warren Edde

The Breaking of the Glass Ceremony, a Jewish tradition, can be added to any wedding and will follow the Exchange of Rings Ceremony and occur in conjunction with the Pronouncement. The Breaking of Glass Ceremony as performed by Rev. Warren Edde is shown below. There is no cost to add the Breaking of the Glass Ceremony to a Custom Wedding Ceremony, but does not include the glass to be broken by the groom or the cover for the glass.

The Breaking of the Glass Ceremony will be introduced by the Minister stating, "The breaking of the glass at the end of a wedding ceremony serves to remind everyone of two very important aspects of a marriage. The bride and groom - and everyone - should consider these marriage vows as an Irrevocable Act - just as permanent and final as the breaking of this glass is unchangeable. There have been many different explanations for the breaking of the glass. Today, the fragility of the glass suggests the frailty of human relationships. The glass is broken to protect this marriage with the implied prayer, 'May your bond of love be as difficult to break as it would be to put together the pieces of this glass.' After the groom breaks the glass, I invite everyone to shout the Hebrew words 'Mazel Tov,' meaning Good Luck and Congratulations.

The Best Man will present glass (typically a light bulb) wrapped in cloth or tissue at the foot of the Groom.

The Minister will conclude the Pronouncement, and after the Minister states "You may kiss your wife," the Groom will smash the glass under his foot and kisses his wife.

