

THE PHASES OF THE JEWISH WEDDING

1 SELECTION OF THE BRIDE



The Father chooses a bride.

2 BETROTHAL



The groom offers the bride a glass of wine to the bride. The groom's family pays a dowry to the bride's family, securing the bride and establishing a covenant.

3 GROOM RETURNS TO FATHER'S HOUSE



The groom returns to his father's house to build or prepare a home where he and his bride will live together.

4 GROOM ESCORTS BRIDE TO THE MARRIAGE SUPPER



When the groom and his groomsmen arrived at the bride's home, the bride and her bridesmaids would be waiting, and then they would parade through the streets to announce the wedding feast.

5 MARRIAGE SUPPER



A great feast is held in honor of the couple. The bride is honored as a queen, and there is rejoicing with family and friends.

6 CONSUMMATION



The bride is brought to the groom's house, and the marriage is consummated. They now become one flesh.

7 PROOF OF THE BRIDE'S PURITY



The bride's mother retains a blood-stained cloth to prove the daughter's purity.

BRIDE BRINGS JOY TO THE GROOM'S HOUSE



The bride becomes part of the groom's household, bringing joy and building a life together.