

# Wedding Bells Are Ringing

Creative Custom Ceremonies For All Occasions



## Breaking of the Glass

There are many reasons why it is customary for a glass to be broken at the conclusion of the wedding ceremony. Symbolically, the breaking of the glass reminds us of the fragile nature of life. The custom has also come to symbolize the shattering of the old and the beginning of the new. It is the tradition for everyone present to shout “mazeltov” as the couple stomps the wedding goblet. In Hebrew, this means ‘congratulations’. The sound of the glass breaking is also a signal saying, “Let the party begin!”

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### **Breaking of the Glass #1**

<Bride> and <Groom>, this glass symbolizes the clarity of your love for each other and the shattering of your old separate lives as you begin anew together. As you break the glass, all of our blessings will be bestowed upon you.

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### **Breaking of the Glass #2**

<Bride> and <Groom>, as you are united in marriage this day, let us be mindful of those who are suffering due to the lack of unity in our world. Let this glass be a symbol of the barriers that have been erected between people and between nations. With the breaking of this glass, let us hope that we will see a breaking down of such barriers and that we will in turn begin to see the creation of a more loving, peaceful and unified world.

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## **Breaking of the Glass #3**

<Bride> and <Groom>, the ceremony of the breaking of the glass represents a turning point in your lives as you pledge your love today and make a new commitment to one another. This is the time when you turn from living separate lives to creating a new family together. In recognition of the equality and unity within your marriage, you will each break a glass at the conclusion of the wedding ceremony.

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