



## BLESSINGS TO BRIDES AND GROOMS

Yechidus, 24 Kislev, 5748-1987, 20 Kislev, 5749-1988, 26 Tishrei, 5748-1987

May G-d bless each of you, that the preparations for the wedding, the wedding itself, and the many long years which will follow should all be abundantly successful, Jewishly and Chassidically both materially and spiritually – and materially and spiritually combined.

The preparations should be to build a Jewish home, an everlasting edifice on the foundations of Torah and Mitzvos, with sons and daughters occupied in Torah and Mitzvos.

You should also show a living example – from the behavior in your home, by this bride and groom, for all Jews around you, that they should also see with their physical eyes – especially since a Jew sees through the lens of love and unity – how one Jew influences the Jews around him, to build, all together, the greater “Jewish Home,” an everlasting edifice, through following the Eternal Torah, since it was given by the Eternal G-d.

Particularly since the preparations, the wedding itself, followed by the seven days of celebration, and the many years which will follow, will be on the foundations of Torah and Mitzvos.

By this we fulfill “If you follow My statutes and observe My Mitzvos, I will provide your rains in their proper time.” The Ba’al Shem Tov explains; even the physical blessings are on time, and surely the spiritual blessings... It has become a widespread custom 26a that bride and groom, along with close relatives and friends, increase their charity on the wedding day.

In truth, this temporary Mitzva is everlasting, as the Tanya states, it creates “an everlasting union above.” This everlasting effect is immediately reflected in this world – at the wedding, it is already called “an everlasting edifice.” May all the preparations be done of joy and contentment, – the joy is shared by the entire Jewish people, and especially the family, starting with the parents, grandmothers and grandfathers.

And together we all prepare for the ‘Great Wedding:’ the Midrash says, until now, G-d and the Jewish people were merely engaged, the Redemption however, will be the marriage, when “I will show you wonders greater than in Egypt.” ...This will also hasten the blessing recited at the wedding, “May we speedily hear in the cities of Yehuda and in the streets of Jerusalem ...the sound of grooms and brides.” May the joy of groom and bride, which you have merited to share with the entire Jewish people, your parents and yourselves, be a close preparation 46a to very speedily hear the sound of grooms and brides “in the cities of Yehuda and the streets of Jerusalem,” with the ultimate redemption through Moshiach.



## פרשת זיכא

In truth, the very fulfillment of one of the greatest Mitzvos, a Jewish wedding, building an everlasting edifice, hastens all blessings for all Jews, including the main blessing, the true and ultimate redemption.

And from the dancing and joy at your wedding, may we speedily merit to celebrate the joy of the Jewish People, the true and ultimate redemption.

Charity hastens the redemption. Therefore I will make each of you a Mitzva Emissary to give Tzedaka on the auspicious day of the wedding, when you will build an everlasting edifice. May this charity hasten and increase all these blessings even more.

May we hear good tidings from you always.

May the wedding be in a good and auspicious time, an everlasting edifice, with sons and daughters occupied in Torah and Mitzvos.

