Marriage is regarded as a social, moral and religious ideal, a necessary condition of spiritual perfection – ‘It is not good for man to be alone’ – Genesis; ‘He who has no wife is less than a man’ – Talmud

At the circumcision, the customary blessings of good wishes are that he should grow in Torah learning, in marriage and in good deeds

Marriage is for the triple purposes of procreation, companionship and self-fulfilment

‘Be fruitful and multiply’ – Genesis

‘A man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife so they become one flesh’ – Genesis

‘He who dwells without a wife, dwells without joy, without blessing and without happiness’ – Talmud

*Shalom bayit*

The marriage ceremony is rich in symbolism: *chuppah*, circling the groom, wine, ring, ketubah, breaking the glass

Religious aspects – *aufruf*, *mikveh*, fasting, *sheva brachot*, *yichud*

The significance in the life of the adherents and community