

# The Stages of Marriage in Judaism

- Husband's Father/Parents select Bride (*shidduch*)
- A Written Marriage Contract is agreed upon and signed by the Groom and Bride's Father (*Ketubah*)
- A bride price is paid by the groom to bride's father (*Mohar*)
- The couple are now betrothed (*erusin*) declared husband and wife, legally binding as married but do not live together or have sexual relations.

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- After the betrothal, the groom would return to his father's house and build a room onto the family home (*insula*) to prepare a new home for his wife
- After a period of time, the groom would return for his wife and they would consummate the marriage (*Nissuin*) and there would be a 7-day wedding feast