

BREAKING THE GLASS

Breaking a glass is an ageless symbol that has many interpretations. The traditional meaning has to do with the custom being a reminder of the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem almost 2000 years ago. The custom has also come to symbolize the shattering of the old and the beginning of the new. Since this is an interfaith marriage which brings together two people of different religious backgrounds, let us, with this symbol, become especially mindful of the barriers that people erect between another, and try to think, with the breaking of the glass, of breaking down some of those barriers and helping create a world of love, unity, and peace.

Brian, I want you, as hard as you can, to stomp on the glass when I tell you. The more pieces the better, for each piece symbolizes years of happiness. May you break the glass into so many pieces that it will take a lifetime to put them back together and grant you and Leah a lifetime of happiness and joy. (Prompt Brian to stomp on glass) MAZEL TOV!