Series B: Early Activities. 1945-1972
Box 9, Folder 2, Marriage, 1953.
Covenant of Marriage

This Covenant of Marriage was duly executed and witnessed this day according to the usage of Israel. 

Bride

Witness

Rabbi

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Certificate of Marriage

and were United in Marriage in on the day of 19 according to the laws of the State of and in accordance with the customs of Israel.

Rabbi

Witnesses
United States District Court for the District of Columbia

The Rev. Marc H. Tanenbaum of the Jewish Church, having produced proof, to the satisfaction of the Court, that he is duly appointed, or ordained, as such, and that he is in regular communion with the Religious Society of which he is a member, he hereby is, this 15th day of July, 1953, authorized to celebrate the rites of marriage in the District of Columbia, so long as he remains appointed or ordained by the above-named Religious Society.

By the Court:

Henry A. Schweinhaut, Judge.

Test:

Harry M. Hull, Clerk.

By Caroline H. Berry, Deputy Clerk.
23 June 53

Dear Celia,

(I was at this point when you just called).

Like I was saying, it was heartening to talk with you again, particularly since it involved a happy occasion. I'll let you know a little later on when we might be able to arrange a meeting with the couple; I'll have to come in soon to find out about getting licensed to marry (off others, that is) in Washington, and maybe we can arrange it for that day.

The vital statistics which I'd like to get from you:

1) Names in English and Hebrew (transliterated will do) of the bride and groom, the mothers and fathers of each, whether living or not. 
   - Name in English: Ella Reislie & Shoen Roby
   - Hebrew: Yitzhak Enermy & David

2) Were any of them either married before? If so, how many times?

3) Are they related in any way?

4) Have they obtained as yet their marriage licenses? If not, they gotta do it before the wedding, and at least a week before. Well do it next week.

5) Are they having the wedding catered? Will the caterer arrange the procession? Do they have a cantor; if so, who is he? (I'd want to see him before the wedding too, preferably when I meet with the couple).

   - Caterer: No - the musicians will arrange the procession.

6) That's all this trip.

Hope you, Lou, your parents, and children are well.

My best wishes to you and regards to all my very good friends of the congregation.

Cordially,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum

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Elkie R. Shoenholz
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1. How long have you known each other?
2. What do you admire about each other? Or, what qualities of character, important to a happy marriage, have you found in each other?
3. What do you have in common with each other?
4. When you have come to a decision together, what has been your procedure?
5. What do you know about each other's occupations? Do you know what will be expected of you in relation to each other's occupation?
6. Have you discussed your financial plans with each other? Have you figured out how your income will compare with your expected expenses?
   XX Does the wife plan to work after marriage? Have you considered proper insurance coverage (life, accident, hospitalization)? Have you discussed budgeting? Does either one of you have any debts to be paid, or any financial obligations to your respective families?
7. What do your families think of your marriage? How well do you get along with your respective in-laws?
8. What features in your previous home life would you like to establish in your home?
9. Have you had a complete physical examination lately? Is there anything about your health that your prospective mate should know?
10. Have you discussed the physical aspects of marriage?
11. Have you agreed on how soon you will want to have children?
12. Have you given much thought to how Judaism can help make your house into a home?
13. Have you considered Synagogue and community affiliation, Jewish education for the children, etc.?
14. What impresses you most about the Jewish marriage ceremony?
15. Is there some matter we have not considered, but which you would like to discuss with me?
P. S. - I thought you will be interested in the following procession arrangement which Helga and I prefer:

1) Ushers  
2) Bridesmaids  
3) Best Man  
4) Groom  
5) Bride's Parents  
6) Groom's mother and brother  
7) Matron of Honor  
8) Ring Bearer  
9) Flower girl  
10) Bride  

P. P. S. - Shall I obtain the ketubah? We would like a double-ring arrangement.