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Marriage ceremonies, 1960s.

Western Reserve Historical Society 10825 East Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio 44106 (216) 721-5722 wrhs.org American Jewish Archives 3101 Clifton Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45220 (513) 487-3000 AmericanJewishArchives.org 1. You have come

2. There are certain rare moments in life - glow with a special radiance. And their light shines athwart our years, long after the moment and the event which it recalls have passed away. This is such a moment for you.

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 In the simple and time-hallowed ritual of our faith you are about to be united in marriage. The separate XXXXX roads which until now you have walked alone, will now converge - to become one road, and on that road you will henceforth walk together, hand-in-hand, until the sun sets and your day draws to a close.
 Among our people marriage is known by two very beautiful terms. One is

"sanctification". Marriage is more than a solemn conpact entered into by two people to share a life and a home. It is a holy covenant, witnessed and blessed by God, whereby a man and a woman resolve to become truly one, sharing a common destiny, so that the joys and sorrows of the one, the hopes, fears, the success or failure of the one are also those of the other. Henceforth it is no longer you and I but we have chosen each other in the freedom of your hearts. You have resolved to go through life in the companionship of faith and trust and devotion. There is much that is unpredictable in life - much beyond our control. But God, in His grace and goodness, had given us the capacity to determine, to a very large degree, our own way of life, and our own destiny.

6. I pray that you will bring to your union that which will sanctify it, the understanding heart - that you will replenish your love constantly by acts of thoughfulness and tenderness and mutual esteem, and solicitude.

7. Love deepens as life deepens. The more earnestly you will reach out together for the real values of life, the things which really matter, the noble interests and the finer enterprises of mind and spirit, the deeper will grow your devotion to one another, and the stronger will be your mutual loyalties.

8. Marriage among our people is also called . Freely rendered the term means "uplifting". In marriage men and women have the opportunity to ennoble each other's life, to help one another to fulfill the dearest wishes of their hearts. Men and women grow stronger through their mutual trust and helpfulness a more mature because of their shared experiences. They uplift each other to higher levels of human worth - and a greater measure of happiness and peace is theirs.
9. And so I pray that you will find in your marriage both sanctification and uplift.

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