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You have decided to marry each other out of love and a desire to formalize your relationship. However, marriage in the framework of the rabbinical establishment is problematic for you.

We invite you to consider the "Private Halakhic Marriage" track, through which couples are able to base their marriage on fairness and mutual responsibility. We believe that this track provides a response, within a halakhic framework and without violating legal rights, to the familiar problems of lack of equality, "chained spouses" and refusal to give/receive the required Jewish bill of divorce (get).

The "Private Halakhic Marriage" initiative, spearheaded by the Mavoi Satum Organization, allows couples to marry in a Jewish wedding ceremony, in accordance with Orthodox halakhah, outside of the Rabbinate. The track includes mechanisms for preventing get refusal and aginut, and it is designed for couples who are committed to marrying according to the halakhah, but at the same time aspire to responsible, egalitarian and fair marriage.

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The Mavoi Satum Organization has been active since 1996 on behalf of women who are Agunot and Mesoravot Get. The Organization offers legal representation and personal support to the women, and acts on the public level to promote solutions for the problem of get refusal in Israel.

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Consultation in the offices of the Organization

## THE "PRIVATE HALAKHIC MARRIAGE" TRACK **COMPRISES FIVE STAGES**



a meeting with lawyers of the Organization for the purpose of consultation, held in the Organization's offices. Provision of comprehensive explanations to the couple about the stages of the track and its various components, and primarily: the pre-nuptial agreement and conditional marriage.



a check is made through a private Orthodox Beth Din to establish that each of the couple is single and Jewish.



the wedding ceremony (huppah and kiddushin) is conducted by a celebrant of the couple's choice, or by a rabbi recommended by the Organization.



A marriage certificate for the couple will be issued by a private Orthodox Beth Din. This certificate will help the couple gain recognition of their rights as common law spouses.



the marriage of the couple will be registered by the Organization in order to grant it the appropriate degree of publicity.

At the heart of the "Private Halakhic Marriage" track lie two mechanisms: the Prenuptial Agreement, and Conditional Kiddushin.

## PRENUPTIAL AGREEMENT

The Prenuptial Agreement is drawn up prior to the wedding. In the framework of this Agreement, the couple agree that in the event that one of them refuses to give/accept the get, as relevant, that spouse will be liable for a substantial monthly payment to the other spouse. The Prenuptial Agreement renders get refusal economically unprofitable, thus serving as an effective tool for combatting the phenomenon of get refusal.

## CONDITIONAL KIDDUSHIN

A condition for the halakhic validity of the kiddushin (the legally constitutive act of marriage) is stipulated at the time of the ceremony. The condition enables the Beth Din to declare the marriage invalid in certain circumstances. Conditional kiddushin is a tool that could help release a woman from her chained status in particularly difficult cases of aginut or get refusal.

The Prenuptial Agreement and Conditional Kiddushin are halakhic solutions that have the support of eminent halakhic authorities.

## ANY QUESTIONS?

We will be happy to meet with you for consultation in our offices, and to answer your questions in the best possible manner. In addition, we have prepared a booklet that includes detailed, comprehensive information on the various implications and aspects of marriage in the framework of this initiative. For additional information visit our internet site, or contact us by phone (details on the back of the flyer).



Noam prior to the Huppah, with Rabbi Dr. Abraham Michael Abraham. Married his wife through the "Private Halakhic Marriage" Initiative Photo credit: Yarin Taranos