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### **Guidelines for Weddings by Mount Zion Temple Clergy**

Mount Zion Temple Clergy will officiate at weddings - whether between two Jews or interfaith - when the couple agrees to:

- 1. Participate in pre-marital counseling (Prepare/Enrich) with the clergy at least 6 months before wedding.
- 2. Attend a pre-marital class on creating a Jewish home and raising a Jewish family, usually held in January/February.
- 3. Establish and maintain a Jewish home and, if blessed with children, raise them as Jews.
- 4. Affiliate with Mount Zion or, if they will live outside Minnesota after the wedding, with another synagogue.
- 5. (For interfaith couples:) Take Mount Zion's *Introduction to Judaism* course which takes place in the Fall each year.

The role of the rabbi is to participate with the couple in the creation of a new Jewish home. The chuppah itself represents this *mikdash m'at*, the small sanctuary of the Jewish home. The wedding ought to reflect with integrity this Jewish commitment of the marriage. Therefore, Mount Zion Temple clergy will not officiate with any non-Jewish clergy.

The guidelines outlined here will be the policy for officiating at weddings by all Mount Zion clergy. However, we will continue to respect the position of each rabbi or cantor who does not officiate at interfaith weddings or who officiates with additional conditions.