

I've been waiting for this moment for my whole life.

A time where all paths of life seem to come together revealing the true path

Showing me how clear everything is in front when I finally realize the truth is evident and always remains

The events that occur in my life have happened to bring me to this moment.

Every turn I have taken, and page I have turned was to bring me to this moment.

With my *zechuyos* alone I don't think I could have come to this moment, it must have been due to you.

Even as I look at you my *zivug* I still feel as though I am not fit to marry such an amazing individual as yourself

You are the sunrise on the horizon when all is dark and gloomy

Your presence swiftly uproots all the gloom and fills the world with light

I can't help but smile in your presence, it's just *pushit* that I can't stop smiling around you.

I want to explain to you a little idea of preparation needed for the *chasunah*. You see that in the world there are three different types of gifts with a number of twenty-four. There are the *Matnos Kehunah*, the twenty-four books of the Tanach, and the twenty-four ornaments for the *Kallah*.

HaKadosh Boruch Hu gave the *Kohanim* the ability to do their *avodah* free from the burden of *parnasah*, they were given the twenty-four *Matnos Kehunah* to allow them to do their *avodah* without anything else on their minds. You have a tremendous will to provide for me with this surreal environment that is the greatest possible thing you can do! You want to do as HaKadosh Boruch Hu does. Just as He gives the twenty-four *Matnos Kehunah* to enable the *Kohanim* to do their *avodah* so too, you are going to help me learn in *Kollel* as long as possible. In recognition of this amazing trait and gesture. I am giving twenty-four red roses. The *Kohanim* are considered the attribute of *hadar* or beauty. The *Bigdai Kohanim* are there for **לכבוד ולתפארת**.

The next of the *matanos* is the twenty-four books of the Tanach. (By the way that is why I asked you if you have a *Mikraos Gedolos Nach*). Rashi says in *Parshas Ki Sisa* that the world **ככלתו** is lacking a letter. This lack of a letter is to teach us that the that one cannot acquire the knowledge of Torah right away, rather a little bit at a time. That is compared to the way that a gift is given from the *kallah* to the *chassan*. Perhaps that means that a relationship between a man and his prospective wife takes time to build. This is truly seen in the toil of learning Torah. No one becomes a *gadol* in a day, it takes time to have such a connection with the Torah. Boruch Hashem you have helped me learn that *middah* to wait for things that are truly worth waiting for. You are worth waiting a lifetime for, still I am relieved that it was before *Pesach*.

The twenty-four books of the Tanach is the preparation of the *chassan* to enable him to build a proper *bais* for the two to live in. The foundation of the *bais* must be Torah and the *chassan* must provide that, at the same time it is the role of the *kallah* to inspire the *chassan* to keep to his learning and help him when he lacks the motivation to go one step further. You are already inspiring me to learn more. I now feel like I'm not just learning for myself but for you and all of *Klal Yisroel*.

The last of the set of the *matonos* are the twenty-four ornaments of the *kallah*. While I don't have all twenty-four I figured I would start you off with one very special piece. Though I have heard that another one is on its way. The idea of the ornaments for the *kallah* is to make her beautiful for the *chassan*. While you don't need anything additional to make you beautiful the jewelry does make you shine even brighter than before. It is on that note that I would like to give you this bracelet.

Now that I have given you all that you need to get married I think we can move on. I want to tell you that you are most special person in the world to me. I cannot imagine living without you in my life and am so excited to begin finally living a life with my other half. Now I will be able to walk the long plains of the world balanced and full of joy. Now, Ahuva..I want to spend the rest of my life with you, to build a family together. To grow together in our *Avodas Hashem*. Therefore I want to ask for your hand in marriage. Ahuva, will you marry me?

(Now at this point in time Ahuva is supposed to say **yes** and starts jumping up and down going oh my g-d and so on.)