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**INFORMED CONSENT FOR TREATMENT: MARITAL THERAPY**

We understand that couples therapy begins with an evaluation of our relationship, past and present. While Rabbi Bloom is deciding whether he is the appropriate therapist for us, we will decide whether we wish to begin marital therapy with him. We understand that because of the commitment of time and money, plus the potential impact on us and others (see below), it is important to make an informed choice for a marital therapist.

We have read and understand the potential limits of confidentiality, including those imposed by Rabbi Bloom’s policies and by state law, and we have received a copy to keep. [If we have dependent children, we have read and understood the potential limits of confidentiality regarding access to records in child custody cases].

We understand that information discussed in marital therapy is for therapeutic purposes and is not intended for use in any legal proceedings involving the partners. We agree not to subpoena Rabbi Bloom to testify for or against either party or to provide records in a court action.

We have been given the opportunity to ask questions and discuss confidentiality and disclosure policies with Rabbi Bloom. We understand that while working as a couple, anything either of us tells Rabbi Bloom individually, whether on the phone or in an individual meeting, may not be held as confidential, and at Rabbi Bloom’s discretion MAY BE shared with the spouse/partner during a subsequent couple session.

We agree to share responsibility with Rabbi Bloom for the therapy process, including goal setting and termination. By entering marital therapy, we accept and understand that working toward change may involve experiencing difficult and intense feelings, some of which may be painful. We understand that the changes one or both of us make(s) will have an impact on our partner and others around us. We accept that such changes can have both positive and negative effects and agree to clarify and evaluate potential effects of changes before undertaking them.  This is especially true if we have dependent children.

Rabbi Bloom has explained that his therapeutic focus in marital therapy is on preserving and enhancing the relationship rather than on individual happiness. Yet, if remaining together is shown to be detrimental to one or both partners, the focus will be on facilitating an amicable separation.

We agree to pay for all services provided by Rabbi Bloom. We agree to Rabbi Bloom’s policy of charging us his standard fee of $150 if we fail to cancel within 24 hours of the appointment.

**By signing below, we agree to accept therapy services from Rabbi Bloom and accept full responsibility for payment for such services.**

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