

Choosing Items for Your Heirloom Chuppah

If you're interested in a chuppah that includes your own heirlooms and special material, one of the first things you'll need to do is to choose the items you'd like to include. The following list gives examples of heirloom materials that work well in an heirloom chuppah design. This is not an exhaustive list. Please let us know if you have something in mind and want to know if it's possible.

IDEAS FOR ITEMS TO INCLUDE IN AN HEIRLOOM CHUPPAH

Household textiles

table linens - napkins, runners, cloths
challah covers
lace pieces
embroidered items
vintage bedlinen
tea towels
tallit
samplers
vintage curtains

Images *

photos of couple - contemporary or childhood
family photos
illustrations
childhood drawings
images or text from favorite books
birth certificates, baby footprints
vintage postcards & photos of places
maps - i.e. of the place you met, places you've
been, where your families are from

Small personal items

costume jewelry
beads, pearls
buttons
ribbon ties
baby blanket
favorite childhood items
silk scarves
handkerchiefs, pocket squares
neckties
fabric scraps, i.e. from childhood clothing,
mother's wedding dress

Text

names of couple and date of wedding
other names and dates
place names
favorite poems
verses or passages that will be used in
ceremony
favorite quotations

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so that the originals are not harmed

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