

The work entitled "A Comparison of wedding traditions in the Christian and Jewish culture" means that will be comparing cultural thinking of faithful Jews and Christians. As indicators of cultural norms I have chosen respected and kept wedding customs. On each particular indicators I will be searching similarities and differences between the Christian and Jewish social view of the world.

Culture and belief interact and support each other. Essential requirements of the faith and rules keeping, determined by religious community, are most clearly manifested in the customs practiced. For me, the preferred customs are these maintained before and during the wedding day. In my work I will therefore comparing above all socio-cultural meaning of marriage and marriage itself, which is in the course of centuries accompanied by more or less stable and unchanging habits.

Thesis will be divided into four parts. In the first part I will examine the theoretical exploration of the Jewish wedding, and then in the second part the Christian weddings. In the third part I intend to compare different cultural expressions of religious Jews and Christians. The thesis will be finished by two kinds of interview conducted with a small sample of randomly selected respondents who attended the wedding as the bride or groom.