

## DANISH PAPER HEART CHAIN

Using a traditional Danish heart design, each person will write selections from the Word about marriage, and record hopes and promises for their own future marriage.

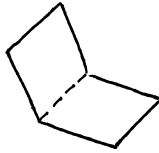
### Materials Needed for Each Person:

2 white and 2 red rectangular pieces of paper measuring 9cm x 14 cm (3 ½ x 5 ½ inches)  
scissors  
pens or pencils (metallic gold pens would provide a special touch for this project)

Note: You may want to have extra rectangles ready for those who wish to make their chains longer.

### Procedure:

1. Fold paper in half lengthwise.



2. Fold in half again, widthwise.



3. Put the heart pattern on the rectangle with left edge on fold. Draw around the heart.



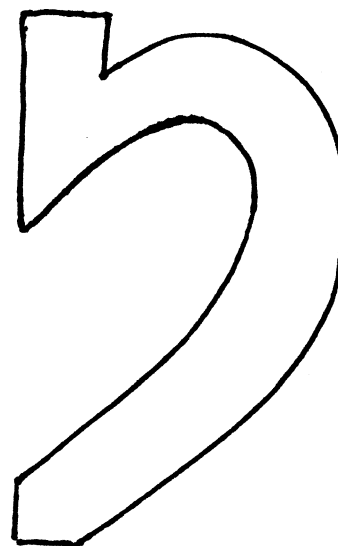
4. Cut on solid lines, being careful not to cut folds.

5. **Open hearts and write on each one.** For the white hearts: choose a marriage quote from the accompanying list and write it around the heart. For the red hearts: think about what this passage means to you, and how you would like to observe it in your own marriage. Write your thoughts and promises *inside* the hearts.



6. **Link the hearts together into a chain.** Open the hearts up and thread them through each other to look like this. You can use a little tape to fasten the top heart together.

**Heart Pattern** (left edge to be put on fold)



## **Selections from the Lord's Word on Marriage**

Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh (Genesis 2:24).

You shall not commit adultery (Exodus 20:14).

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you (John 13:34).

The conjugal union of one man with one wife is the precious jewel of human life (*CL* 444r).

Conjugal love in a person lies within love for the opposite sex, like a gem in its native rock (*CL* 83).

Conjugal love is celestial, spiritual, holy, pure and clean... (*CL* 57).

No others can be in a state of truly conjugal love but those who receive it from the Lord (*CL* 71).

Truly conjugal love is the essence of chastity (*CL* 139).

Chastity is ascribed only to monogamous marriages...of one man with one wife (*CL* 141).

Love with its inmost friendship constantly increases in the wife, and wisdom with its happiness in the husband, and this to eternity (*CL* 355:6).

Love of dominion of one over the other entirely takes away conjugal love and its heavenly delight, for conjugal love and its delight consists in the will of one being that of the other (*HH* 380).

The sixth commandment is 'You are not to commit adultery.' A man by committing adultery understands promiscuous behavior, obscene acts, improper suggestions and filthy thoughts (*TCR* 236:2).

All people who regard adulterous affairs as nothing...at heart are evildoers and irreligious. For the human inclination toward marriage goes hand in hand with religion at every step (*CL* 80:2).