

Jon Adler and Jonathan Lewis' Wedding Promises  
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Let us begin the newest stage of our journey together with the words, "I Promise..."

- I promise to love you openly, honestly and fully, and to make you feel beautiful.
- I promise to be available and present when you need me and truly listen when you speak.
- I promise to maintain high expectations for ourselves and push each other toward meeting them.
- I promise to fully accept all of you. That means allowing you to be imperfect, not judging or getting competitive, and being delicate with your weaknesses and vulnerabilities.
- I promise to plan ahead *and* to be flexible when life deviates from "The Plan."
- I promise to strive for balance and to set aside time to relax, reflect, and give thanks.
- I promise to encourage you in your many roles outside of our relationship – as a son, a brother, a worker, and a friend – and to celebrate your many roles within our relationship – as a companion, a lover, a co-conspirator, a friend, and as a partner.
- I promise to work as a team in providing support for the many people we love and in leaving the world better than when we found it.
- I promise to take risks and work to overcome fears or doubts that may be holding me back.
- I promise to face sickness with you and to never take our health for granted.
- I promise to acknowledge and work through conflict and to maintain my commitment to a better "me," a better "you," and a better "us."
- And I promise to make sure that, above all else, we will laugh and have fun.

Do you accept these promises and my word to uphold them?