

*Celebration of Love, Laughter,
Magic & Miracles*

*Allison Harris
&
Brian Turk*

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Welcome

*The Power of Love resides in the sharing. Each of
you here (and countless others) have helped in the
creation of our heart-felt union. It is our wish that
today not only be a celebration of our marriage, but
an announcement of our desire to share this magical
gift with all of you, now and for many years to come.*

Thank you.



Ceremony

A Sisterly Blessing ~ Kiddush
Shannon Turk-Stone and Jennifer Harris

A Note on Marriage and Relationships

A Kind Word and Personal Insight

A Sharing of Feelings and Convictions

A Version of Tradition ~ The Seven Blessings

An Exchange of Rings

A Breaking of Glass

A Kiss

Officiants:

Dr. Nina B. Lott, Ph.D.

The Honorable Janie S. Mayeron

Miracle Committee*

Shannon Turk-Stone (Sis) ~ Turk's warrior/priestess/activist younger sister is the older soul. When not running non-profits for at-risk youth or campaigning for just causes, Shannon and Jefferson (her accomplished, Dodger-loving husband) are walking their dog Nelly or playing Texas Hold'em.

Jennifer Harris (Jen) ~ Ali's high-fashion academic and best-friend/baby-sister. When not searching for work outside of San Diego or funding the city's hospitals, Jen's watching guilty-pleasure TV, reading stuff we don't understand, connecting with friends over a bottle of red wine, and taking notes to write one of her famously-funny New Year's letters.

Amy Bassett (Aim) ~ Ali's much loved hip-hop dancer, former fellow PB neighbor, and trusted ally. When not planning her own wedding, Amy's playing soccer or preparing for OTL, searching for the next Justin Timberlake sighting or consoling fiancé Randy about the latest Brown's woes.

Jen Cowen (Jenny) ~ Ali's dancing queen and eternal soul sister, UCSB roomie, and fashion consultant. When not rocking the LA scene, visiting with nephew Owen, running, or practicing yoga, Dr. Cowen's shopping, volunteering, and preparing for her dissertation in psychology at UCLA.

Bryan Chchock (Che) ~ Turk's reality-check buddy and generous sports nemesis from UCSD. When not writing opinions for federal judges or pushing paper for the FBI in D.C., Che's wandering the world in clothes he borrowed without asking from all of his friends (strangers, too).

Chris Claisse (Claisse) ~ Turk's "techy" advisor, activity promoter, and dependable Sigma Nu brother. When not cranking out marketing campaigns or reveling in parenthood with his wife Karin over baby Zoe, Claisse's scoping out the best new music and movies or combing the Chargers' injury report.

Kevin Cole (Cole) ~ Turk's oldest hometown friend, SCG quarterback rival, and high school debate partner. When not running a credit union in Salem and spending time with Sue and their kids Hayden and Kirsten, Kevin's trying to get a republican elected in Oregon and giving up on the Raiders in favor of NASCAR.

John Corcoran (Corky) ~ Turk's political adversary, NRA-member acquaintance, and loyal friend. When not building a playhouse for his kids Kate and Charlie, fixing a sprinkler system, or directing operations at the office, Corky's planning his next family adventure with wife Michelle or making his own bullets.

Brooke DeAngelis (Brookie) ~ Ali's loyal and favorite phone friend who never forgets a thing! When not mothering baby Brayden or hiking Cowles Mountain, Brookie's educating students, spending time with nephew Mason, or rooting for the Chargers with husband Tom.

Gabriela Dow (Gaby) ~ Ali's long-time friend from high school, writing mentor, and professional confidant. When not gleefully watching her boys (husband Steve, and sons Evan and Alec), Gaby's running a sales force supporting city managers across the country, connecting people to new learning opportunities through "Friends with Class", or looking for the next project to add to the family list.

Melanie Einzig (Mel) ~ Ali's NYC tour guide, cupcake connoisseur, and Hartman-sister. When not compiling photographic essays or practicing Thai massage, first cousin Melanie's experiencing a spiritual retreat, eating dessert before dinner in an eclectic restaurant, or pursuing a new artistic adventure.

Andrew Greenhalgh (Dru) ~ Turk's quick-witted college roommate, golf coach, and work-life-balance mentor. When not finalizing corporate mergers and acquisitions or actively enjoying family life with Mica, Max, and Ally, Dru's looking to "let it ride" at the track or in a casino.

Kathryn Lecke (Kat) ~ Ali's social energizer, spiritual advisor, and beloved collaborator. When not hanging with toddler Landon or husband Peyton, Kat's building a new business, fundraising for children in Africa, mentoring young women, or searching for the spotlight and a microphone.

Beth Lewis (Bunny) ~ Ali's supportive fan, pop-culture connection, and fashionista. When not cooking for her family and friends or running Tekno RC with husband Danny, Beth's waiting for the next Madonna album to launch, blogging about education and food, tutoring high schoolers, reading,

or reviewing the latest restaurants.

Jeff Lu (Lu) ~ Turk's college historian, fraternity ring-leader, and accidental matchmaker. When not earning frequent flyer miles, starting a company, or keeping the crew connected via text messaging, Lu's relaxing with lovely wife Jessica and trying to train their dog Bella.

Steve Moawad (Moawad) ~ Turk's Bay Area connection, honorable Sigma Nu brother, and Shari-mom's favorite houseguest. When not prosecuting "bad guys" as a DA or helping Tracy care for their kids, Olivia, Eli, and Anya, Steve's working on his wine collection, playing shuffle board at the Round-Up, or giving great hugs.

Nino Pascolatti (Brother Nino) ~ Turk's adopted brother and positive energy source. When not flipping houses, using the latest motivational business techniques, or working on his fatherhood skills for son Mateo, Nino's planning his next move with wife/business partner Ami or hanging with the 'Hood.

*To the spouses and children of our Miracle Committee...
you are part of it, too. Thank you for being our friends
and for welcoming us into your families.

Jewish Wedding Ceremony Traditions

Ketubah ~ I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine

The Ketubah is a Jewish marriage contract that specifies our responsibilities and our commitment to each other. Our Ketubah was signed earlier today by two witnesses, the officiants, and each of us.

Chuppah

The Chuppah is the canopy under which we will be married. An important part of a Jewish wedding ceremony, to us the Chuppah represents a spiritual presence and the home that we will create together. A Chuppah is open on all four sides, and its openness represents our desire to share our love and our new lives together with all of you.

Kiddush

The Kiddush is the blessing over the wine. It is a traditional part of all Jewish celebrations as wine is a symbol of joy. The first glass of wine represents the betrothal and the second represents the wedding.

Breaking the Glass

The breaking the glass at the end of the wedding ceremony has many different meanings. This ancient custom brings to mind the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and other tragedies in Jewish history. It has also become a reminder that our universe and relationships are fragile and must be treated with great care, love, and respect. Finally, it expresses our hope that the years of our marriage will be like the shards of glass: too numerous to count.

Thank You

We would like to express our gratitude to the many who have freely shared their ideas, experience, and time making this day possible.

To our immediate family Mary Jane, Steve, and Jen Harris, Barry Turk and Thea Brooke, Shannon and Jeff Stone, and Ames Countryman, who've encouraged and supported our continued growth as a couple - we are so fortunate. You have taught and listened, protected and provided, and always, always loved us... thank you.

We want to thank all of our guests for being here. Your love and guidance have been inspirational to us throughout our lives, and we are thrilled and grateful you are here to watch us take our first steps together as life partners.

On this special day, we would also like to remember those who are no longer with us, including Ali's Popi Max and Nana Jo Hartman, Brian's grandparents, Alice and Mack Turk and Byron and Faye Woodard, and Brian's uncle, Jim Turk.

A day about love and joy means that Brian's mother Shari is working her magic from the other side. Thank you, Shari; our capacity for happiness is infinite because of you.

Expect Miracles

