# Checking the Ring

The *mesader kidushin* then takes the ring and asks the groom "Is this your ring? If so, how did you acquire it?" It must have been acquired in accordance with Jewish law. He shows the ring to the witnesses and asks if it is worth at least a *pruta*. If they say yes, the groom takes the ring and says "*Harei at mekudeshet li*…" and places the ring on the bride's index finger of her primary hand. The witnesses must hear the groom say "*Harei at mekudeshet li...*" and must see him place the ring on her hand. The wife should not take the ring off of her index finger until after they leave the *chuppa*. The couple is now married!

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