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DON'T SNEEZE AT THE WEDDING

Reader's Theater Script

Characters:

Narrator 1

Narrator 2

Anna

Dad

Mom

Grandma

Monsieur Phillippe the Hairdresser

Betty the Florist

Glenn the Photographer

Rabbi Bernstein

Aunt Rachel

Uncle Matt

Chorus (Group Part)

Narrator 1: On the morning of Aunt Rachel’s wedding, Anna woke up with an –

Anna: Ah-choo!

Mom: Please don’t sneeze at the wedding, little flower girl.

Dad: If you feel a sneeze coming on, press your finger to your upper lip.

Chorus: Press lip. Don’t sneeze.

Narrator 2: Anna wore her pink flower girl dress to the temple. When she saw her grandma –

Anna: An-choo!

Mom: Please don’t sneeze at the wedding.

Grandma: To stop a sneeze, wiggle your earlobe.

Chorus: Press lip. Wiggle ear lobe. Don’t sneeze.

Narrator 1: Anna went to the room where Aunt Rachel and her bridesmaids were getting ready.

Anna: Ah-choo!

Aunt Rachel: Please don’t sneeze at the wedding.

Monsieur Phillippe: If you think you are going to sneeze, just say “pineapple”.

Chorus: Press lip. Wiggle earlobe. Say “pineapple”. Don’t sneeze.

Narrator 2: Next, the flowers were delivered.

Anna: Ah-choo!

Grandma: Please don’t sneeze at the wedding.

Betty: To stop sneezing, tap your forehead between your eyes.

Chorus: Press lip. Wiggle earlobe. Say “pineapple”. Tap forehead. Don’t sneeze.

Narrator 1: Glenn arrived to start the photographs.

Anna: Ah-choo!

Aunt Rachel: Please don't sneeze at the wedding.

Glenn: When you feel a sneeze, pinch your nose.

Chorus: Press lip. Wiggle earlobe. Say "pineapple". Tap forehead. Pinch nose. Don't sneeze.

Narrator 2: Anna watched Aunt Rachel and Uncle Matt sign the ketubah.

Anna: Ah-choo!

Uncle Matt: Please don't sneeze at the wedding.

Rabbi Bernstein: To stop a sneeze, hold your breath for a moment.

Chorus: Press lip. Wiggle earlobe. Say "pineapple". Tap forehead. Pinch nose. Hold breath. Don't sneeze.

Anna: The wedding is about to start. I'll practice all of my remedies.
(Anna silently shows each one, i.e., she presses lip, wiggles earlobe, mouths "pineapple", taps nose, pinches nose, holds breath).

Mom: Anna didn't sneeze when she walked down the aisle.

Dad: Anna didn't sneeze when Aunt Rachel joined Uncle Matt under the chuppah.

Grandma: Anna didn't sneeze when the bride and groom shared a glass of wine.

Anna: I didn't sneeze when they exchanged rings or when the rabbi sang the seven blessings.

Narrator 1: But just as Rabbi Bernstein placed a glass wrapped in cloth under Uncle Matt's foot, Anna felt a sneeze coming on.

Anna: Ah-ah

Chorus: Press finger to lip, wiggle earlobe, say "pineapple", tap forehead, pinch nose, hold breath.

Narrator 2: Uncle Matt raised his foot over the glass. (Place a lightbulb in a paper bag, which is stapled shut, to substitute for the glass)

Uncle Matt: I stomp on the glass (he does!)

Anna: Ah-choo!

Chorus: Mazel Tov!

(Anna and the chorus speak these lines at the same time)

Chorus: Hurray! We were louder than the sound of Anna's sneeze.

Rabbi Bernstein: Gezundheit! To your health, Anna.

Anna: I sneezed at the wedding, but only the rabbi heard.