ONE POINT from לקוטי שיחות חלק טו, **שיחה ה** ל**פרשת וישב**

~ In memory of Rebbetzin Chave Hecht הוה ב"ר אלימלך ז"ל ~

Use these words to fill in the blanks: * forever * marriage * ring * signet * world *

IN THE PARSHA:

יהודה married תמר by giving her his signet _____.

QUESTION:

The custom nowadays that the חתן marries the כלה by giving her a ring, is based on the marriage of יהודה, when he gave her a signet ring.

What is the connection between marriage and a _____ ring?

ANSWER:

When you look at a plain ring, it isn't obvious whose it is. It's a ring that might belong to anyone. However, when the ring has a signet on it, you know who the ring belongs to. Similarly, when you look at this world, it isn't obvious that it is Hashem's world. However, there are certain "signs" in the world, that help us remember Whose world it really is. Like a signet on a ring, marriage is a sign that reminds us that it is Hashem's

EXPLANATION:

Hashem, who is **<u>infinite</u>**, created a world that is **<u>finite</u>**, where every created being has its limited time and place.

However, when Hashem blesses a marriage and children are born, those children grow up and give birth to children of their own, and then they grow up and give birth to even more children, and this continues ______, generation after generation.

So even within this limited, <u>finite</u> world, marriage gives us a glimpse into something that is <u>infinite</u>, and continues forever.

This is the connection between a signet ring and marriage.

Just as a signet tells us who is the ring's owner, the infinite power of ______ reminds us that this is Hashem's world.

Further discussion:

Based on the above, why are we particular to be מקדש with a plain ring? (See footnote 59 in the שיחה)

