The breaking of the glass is one of the most beloved traditions of a Jewish wedding ceremony.

This goblet was created especially for the treasured moment when the Bride and Groom sanctify their marriage. This ancient practice has been interpreted in many ways.

As a symbol of the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, the glass reminds us of sadness even in during the most joyous of occasions.

Another view is that a broken glass cannot be mended and this reflects the permanence of marriage.

After the wedding, the Bride and Groom will be changed forever.

Some consider the fragility of glass as a symbol of the frailty of human relationships. Even as Bride and Groom strengthen their relationship with the act of marriage, they must remember the care required to maintain this bond as they settle into their life together.

No matter what the interpretation, the breaking of the glass is an important part of any Jewish wedding and marks the beginning of a new life together.

After GROOM breaks the glass, I invite everyone to shout the Hebrew words Mazel Tov,” meaning Good Luck” and Congratulations.”
I do not claim to be the original author of this script. I am sharing it like this to make it easier for anyone to use.