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It is important to note that a civil divorce is not sufficient to dissolve a Jewish marriage. As far as Jewish law is concerned, a couple remains married until the woman receives the get. This has been a significant problem: many liberal Jews have a religiously valid marriage, yet do not obtain a religiously valid divorce. While divorce is not looked at favorably in Judaism, it is by no means prohibited and, in certain cases, it is even encouraged. The rabbis of the Talmud considered marriage a holy contract, and the dissolution of marriage an unholy act. In the past, obtaining a get was generally the concern of only traditional Jews. Today, however, the matter is of relevance to all Jews, as the divorce rate among Jews has risen and second marriages between persons from diverse Jewish backgrounds have become more common. In Jewish Law it is the husband who has the right to decide whether he will give his wife a divorce (the "Get"). If he refuses her, the wife may be sentenced to years of living in a dead marriage., Jews And Divorce.

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