

-Welcome-

Blessed be the child who enters our presence and the presence of God

Parents:

We have been blessed with the gift of new life. We have shared love and pain and joy in bringing our daughter into this world and have been privileged to participate in the marvel and beauty of creation. Through our loving example, we hope to teach our daughter to become a caring and loving person with a sense of her own worth and respect for that of others. We dedicate ourselves to providing a home filled with the values and joys of Torah and we hope that our daughter will grow to cherish and emulate these ideals.

Help us raise a daughter, O God, whose heart will be clear, whose goals will be meaningful; one who will learn to laugh, yet never forget how to cry; one who will reach into the future, yet never lose touch with the past. Grant her the gifts of health, happiness and wisdom. Then we, her parents, will be privileged to say, "We have been truly blessed and enriched."

-The Tallit-

As you are wrapped in this tallit, so may your life be wrapped in justice and righteousness. As you are embraced today, so may you embrace your tradition and your people.

As your eyes are filled with wonder when you gaze at the world, so too may you be filled with wonder at the everyday miracles of life.

As you startle to the world around you, so may you remain ever open both to the happiness and to the pain of those you encounter in the world.

As you cry for food and comfort now, so may you one day cry out to correct the injustices of the world, to help clothe the naked and feed the hungry.

As your hand tightly grasps your mother's finger, so may you grasp hold of learning and grow in knowledge and in wisdom.

-The Covenant-

According to our tradition, the entire Jewish people, women and men, children and infants, born and unborn, were included in the revelation of the Law and in its affirmation. It has always been the central endeavor of each Jew in every generation to understand this covenant and to live meaningfully by it. We give thanks for the opportunity to bring our daughter into the covenant.

Through this blessing we affirm our daughter's part in the covenant, the Brit, made between God and Israel at Mount Sinai:

*Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech Ha-olam, asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav
v'tzivanu l'hachniso bivrito shel ahm yisrael.*

Praised are You, Adonai our God, who rules the universe, who commanded us to bring our daughter into the covenant of Israel.

-The Naming-

May the One who blessed our mothers Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah
Miriam the prophet and Avigayil
Esther the queen, daughter of Avichayil
bless our beautiful daughter
and let her be known in the household of Israel by the name

at this favorable moment of blessing.
May Annie be raised in health, peace, and tranquility
To study Torah
To stand under the Chuppah
To do good deeds.
May we, her parents, merit to see her happy
blessed with children, wealth, and honor
peaceful and content in our old age
May this be God's will. Amen.

-The Pledge-

Parents:

We dedicate our child to Torah - to a never ending fascination with study and learning. With a book, she will never be alone.

We dedicate our child to chupah - to never ending growth as a human being, capable of giving and receiving love. With loving family and friends, she will never be alone.

We dedicate our child to ma-asim tovim - to a never-ending concern for family and community, justice and charity. While she cares for others, she will never be alone.

-Grandparents-

Our God and God of our ancestors, we are grateful for new beginnings, for the bond of life that links one generation to the other. We are thankful for the blessings of family which bring meaning and happiness to our lives, and we rejoice with our children at the birth of their child, our granddaughter. May we all grow together as a family in health and in strength, in harmony and in love.

-All-

You are our tomorrow - a new generation.

We welcome you into our midst.

In celebrating the birth of this child, we pledge to help make a world in which all children can live in safety and peace.

“All children shall be taught of God and great shall be the peace of the the children.”

-The Blessing-

May God make you like Sara, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah.

May God bless you and keep you.

May the light of God shine upon you and may God be gracious to you.

May God's presence enlighten you and give you peace.