

## Brit Bat Yisrael

May she who comes be blessed.

בְּרוּכָה הַבָּאָה בְּשֵׁם יי.

The birth of a baby brings joy and hope, and the strength to reaffirm our people's everlasting covenant with life and its Creator.

May you live to see your world fulfilled,  
May your destiny be for worlds still to come;  
May you trust in generations past, and yet to be.  
May your eyes shine with the light of holy words  
And your face reflect the brightness of the heavens.  
May your lips ever speak wisdom,  
Your fulfillment be in justice  
Even as you ever yearn to listen to the words  
of the Holy Ancient One of Old.  
May your heart be filled with intuition  
And your words be filled with insight.  
May songs of praise be upon your tongue  
And your vision straight before you.  
Even as you ever yearn to listen to the words  
of the Holy Ancient One of Old. (Talmud, B'rachot 17a)

**Parent:**

My daughter, my child, a piece of my life is you. You have grown to life apart from me, but now I hold you close to my heart and cradle you in my arms with love.

**Parent:**

My daughter, my child, you have been as dear to me as my own breath. May I hold you gently now, with the love to keep you close and with the strength to let you grow.

**Parents:**

Today we delight in the child we have brought into this world and we rejoice as we bring her into the Covenant between God and the household of Israel, as it is written: "I will establish My covenant with you and your children as an everlasting sign throughout the generations to be your God to you and to all your generations to come." (Gen. 17:7)

**Officiant:**

When Israel stood at Sinai to receive the Torah, God said to them: "I am giving you my Torah. Present to me good guarantors that you will guard it and I shall give it to you."

They said: "Our ancestors are our guarantors." God replied, "Your ancestors are not sufficient guarantors. Bring me better guarantors and I shall give you my Torah."

They said: "Ruler of the Universe, our prophets are our guarantors." God said to them, "The prophets are not sufficient guarantors. Yet bring me even better guarantors and I shall give you my Torah."

They said: Here, our children are our guarantors." Then God said, "At last, you have brought me worthy guarantors. For their sake I give you my Torah."

(Song of Songs Rabbah 1:24)

**Parent:**

Our God and God of all generations, we thank you for the blessings of new life, the love of family, and for the joy and sacred privilege of parenthood.

**Officiant:**

זָכַר לְעוֹלָם בְּרִיתוֹ, דָּבַר צְוֶה לְאַלְפֵי דוֹר. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה, כּוֹרֵת הַבְּרִית.  
*Za-char l'-o-lam b'-ri-to, da-var tzi-vah l'-e-lef dor. Ba-ruch a-tah Adonai, ko-reit ha-b'-rit.*

**ALL:**

God remembers the Covenant forever, the word commanded to a thousand generations. We praise You, Adonai, who establishes the Covenant.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ  
לְהַכְנִיסָהּ בְּבְרִית עִם יִשְׂרָאֵל.

*Ba-ruch a-tah, Adonai e-lo-hei-nu, me-lech ha-o-lam, a-sheh kid-sha-nu b'-mitz-vo-tav v'-tzi-va-nu l'-hach-ni-sah biv-rit am yis-ra-eil.*

**ALL:**

We praise You, Adonai our God, Source of all creation, who makes us holy with Mitzvot, and commands us to bring our daughter into the Covenant of our people Israel.

**Parents:**

God, for the gift of this child, we give thanks, praying that we will continue to be worthy of the blessing and the responsibility of parenthood. May we show our gratitude to You by leading our daughter in the way of righteousness. Teach us to guide and instruct her, that she may grow up loving humanity, striving always to be mindful of the needs of others, eager to share the fruits of her labor and to extend her hand to those in need.

This cup of blessing, hope and thanksgiving is dedicated to **Madeleine**. May the sweetness of its wine be only a taste of the sweetness of her life to come.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הַגֶּפֶן.

*Ba-ruch a-tah, Adonai e-lo-hei-nu, me-lech ha-o-lam, bo-rei p'ri ha-ga-fen.*

**ALL:**

We praise You, Adonai our God, Source of all creation, who creates the fruit of the vine.

**Officiant:**

אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ, קַיִם אֶת הַיְלָדָה הַזֹּאת לְאֲבִיהָ וּלְאִמָּהּ,  
וַיִּקְרָא שְׁמָהּ בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל **נְחֻמָּה בַּת אֲדָמ**. יִשְׂמַח הָאָב בְּיוֹצֵאתָ חֲלָצִיו וְתִגַּל  
אִמָּהּ בְּפְרֵי בִטְנָהּ. זֹאת הַקִּטְנָה גְדוֹלָה תִּהְיֶה. כְּשֵׁם שְׁנִכְנִסָּה לְבְרִית, כֵּן  
תִּכְנִס לְתוֹרָה וּלְחַפָּה וּלְמַעֲשֵׂים טוֹבִים.

Our God, God of our mothers and fathers, sustain this child through our love and care. Let her be known among our people Israel by the name ***Nechamah bat Adam v'Sarah***. May her name be a source of joy to her, and inspire her to be a source of strength to her family, and to all humankind. May her parents rejoice in her growth of body and soul. As they bring her into the Covenant, so may they lead her with wisdom and patience to the study of Torah, the blessing of marriage, and a life of good and loving deeds.

**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 *chuppah*--  
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.

[Option: Parents or family explaining of names]

**Officiant:**

מי שִׁבְרָךְ אֲבוֹתֵינוּ, אַבְרָהָם, יִצְחָק וְיַעֲקֹב, וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ, שָׂרָה, רִבְקָה, לֵאָה,  
וְרַחֵל, הוּא יְבָרְךָ אֶת הַיְלָדָה הַרְפָּה הַזֹּאת. וְיִזְכּוּ אָבִיָּה וְאִמָּה לְגִדּוּלָהּ,  
לְחִנּוּכָהּ וּלְחַכְמָהּ. וְיִהְיוּ יָדֶיהָ וְלִבָּהּ לְאֵל אֲמוּנָה, וְנֹאמַר: אָמֵן.

May the One who blessed our mothers, Sarah, Rebecca, Leah and Rachel, and our fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, bless this child and keep her from harm. May her parents have the privilege of raising her, educating her and encouraging her to attain wisdom. May her hands and heart be faithful in serving God. Then shall she bring blessing to her family, to her people, and to all the world, and let us say: Amen.

**ALL:**

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁחַיֵּנוּ וְקִיְמָנוּ וְהַגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה.  
*Ba-ruch a-tah, Adonai e-lo-hei-nu, me-lech ha-o-lam, she-he-che-yanu v'-kiy-ma-nu  
v'-hi-gi-a-nu laz-man ha-zeh.*

We praise You, Adonai our God, Source of all Creation, for giving us life, for sustaining us and for bringing us to this joyous time.

*T'fillat Haderech*

May we be blessed as we go on our way.  
May we be guided in peace.  
May we be blessed with health and joy,  
May this be our blessing, Amen.

May we be sheltered by the wings of peace.  
May we be kept in safety and in love.  
May grace and compassion find their way to every soul,  
May this be our blessing, Amen.

## GRANDPARENTS:

We are thankful for the many joys  
with which our lives have been blessed.  
Now this great goodness has come to us; a child to love.  
**Madeleine**, may you grow up in health and happiness,  
to become a blessing to your family,  
your friends and all who come to know you.  
May your parents find much joy in the years that lie before them.  
May they rear you with wisdom and understanding,  
teaching you the ways of Torah and the ways of our world.

May we, too, be granted the joy of seeing you develop all of your faculties,  
and the gratification of helping you  
to fulfill the best that is in you.  
To you we offer the gift of unconditional love.  
We, your family, will forever cherish you--  
not only for your achievements,  
but because you are a unique and beautiful human being  
whose life we are privileged to share.

You are our family's legacy,  
our connection to tomorrow,  
our hope for a brighter day.

זֶה הַיּוֹם עָשָׂה יְהוָה, נְגִילָה וְנִשְׂמָחָה בּוֹ!

“This is the day that *Adonai* has made--let us exult and rejoice in it.”

(Psalms 118:24)

יְבָרְכֶךָ יְהוָה וַיִּשְׁמְרֶךָ.

May God bless and protect You.

יֵאֵר יְהוָה פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וַחֲנֶנֶךָ.

May the light of God's face shine upon you, and may God be gracious to you.

יֵשָׁא יְהוָה פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וַיִּשֶׁם לְךָ שְׁלוֹם.

May the presence of God always be in your life, and may God grant you the gift of peace.