

## Sample Brit Bat Ceremony

Rabbi:

We begin this ceremony celebrating the birth of by welcoming her. Together we say:

B'rucha Haba-a B'shem Adonai

Blessed is she who comes in the name of Adonai.

Parents:

Thank you for joining us today to honor our daughter \_\_\_\_\_. It means so much to have our family and friends share with us in this celebration, as you have in so many others. \_\_\_\_\_'s birth has shown us the true miracle of life and the meaning of unconditional love.

We thank God for blessing us with our strong, healthy, and beautiful daughter. We acknowledge our responsibility as parents to guide our daughter in paths of righteousness, love, peace, and understanding, and we hope this is the first of many celebrations that we will share with .

We pray for health and happiness for this precious child and for all of those around us who provide love and support for and the rest of our family. Please join us as we say the Shehecheyanu:

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheynu Melech Ha Olam. Shehecheyanu V'kiyemanu  
V'hegiyanu La-Z'man Hazeh

Blessed are you, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe who has kept us in life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this day.

Parents:

\_\_\_\_\_, we pray that your life is filled with health and happiness, and that you surround yourself with the support of family and friends who add richness and joy to your life.

May you find strength in knowing how much you are loved. Our hope for you is that you may fulfill all your dreams.

### Covenant Ceremony

Parents:

We are now ready to enter our daughter into the covenant between God and the Jewish people. For thus God promised our ancestors,

"I will establish My covenant with you and your children as an everlasting covenant throughout the generations to be God to you and to your children." (Genesis 17:7)

Baruch Atah Adonai Elohaynu Melech Ha'Olam, Asher Kidshanu B-mitz-vo-tav, V-tzee-vanu li-hach-nee-sah b-iv-reeto shel Am Yisrael

Praised are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe. You have sanctified us with Your commandments and commanded us to enter our daughter into Your covenant with the people of Israel.

Rabbi:

The founders of our people wisely assigned to parents the task of transmitting the ideals of Torah, Chuppah, and Maasim Tovim Ñ study, family, and life of good deed, for it is in the home that the foundations of the future are to be set.

Parents:

We dedicate \_\_\_\_\_ to Torah. We hope that your life will be one of never-ending passion for Judaism. May you always remember your roots. Let your eyes sparkle with the light of Torah and your ears hear music of its words.

May the space between each letter of the scrolls bring warmth and comfort to your soul. May the syllables draw holiness from your heart, and may this holiness be gentle and soothing to the world.

We dedicate \_\_\_\_\_ to Chuppah. We hope your life will be one of never-ending growth as a human being, capable of giving and receiving love. It is our hope and expectation that when it is your time to build your own family, you will begin it under the Chuppah.

We dedicate \_\_\_\_\_ to Maasim Tovim. We hope that your life will be one of good deeds with a never-ending desire to do good for others. May you have a

constant concern for your family, friends, and community. May you be endowed with a sense of justice, good conscience, and the willingness to contribute to Tzedakah.

We promise \_\_\_\_\_ not only shelter and the needs of life, but also our time and energy to help her develop into responsible adulthood. We promise \_\_\_\_\_ love and protection, with time to dream, to wonder, to speculate, and to think.

Thus, we hereby covenant our daughter, \_\_\_\_\_, to Adonai, Torah and the Jewish people. We pledge to raise her as a Jew, we promise to make her aware of her traditions. We resolve that this beginning will mark a renewal and rededication of our family to our people and our community.

Rabbi:

A new daughter of Israel has come, and with her comes a great promise. In her soul is the potential to bring greatness into our world. Within her are possibilities; dreams yet to be dreamed, talents yet to be honed, joy yet to be shared, pain yet to be tolerated, challenges yet to be conquered, and defeats yet to be suffered.

All this potential, all this but a promise. May \_\_\_\_\_ be blessed in her journey through life, protected with the support of her family, community, and the nurturing care of Adonai.

Grandparents:

We are so excited to have a[nother] Granddaughter that we can love and cherish. In just [ten] weeks, \_\_\_\_\_ has captured our hearts and added so much joy to our lives. \_\_\_\_\_s parents, we wish for you to have children that will bring you as much joy and happiness as both of you have given your parents. May we have the pleasure of watching \_\_\_\_\_ grow and develop into a truly special person that we know she will become. We love you and hope all of your dreams come true.

Grandparents:

We are very excited to share our children's happiness in the birth of their daughter and our [first] Granddaughter. May she continue to brighten each day with her precious smile and sparkling eyes. We pray that as you grow together your lives will overflow with good health, strength, happiness and love.

Great Grandparents:

\_\_\_\_\_, when you came into this world you made us Great Grandparents for the \_\_\_\_\_th time. I am very honored to have you join my other Great Grandchildren.

As it was with my first Great Grandchild, it is a wonderful joy to hold and love you. I(we) pray for your health and happiness and wish you a happy life.

### Naming Ceremony

Rabbi :

The Book of Genesis tells us that our mother Sarah received a new name when she and Abraham entered into the covenant with Adonai.

Parents:

(write your own words... here is a sample)

\_\_\_\_\_, we have chosen to honor you with the Hebrew name \_\_\_\_\_ . Your Hebrew name is in memory of your great grandmother, \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_ was a good mother, wife and sister to all she knew. She was a woman filled with love and happiness.

\_\_\_\_\_, your English name is in loving memory of your Great Grandfather, \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_ was a wonderful man who could put a smile on anyone's face. \_\_\_\_\_ was also a man filled with great knowledge and simple facts which he loved to share with everyone. Before passing confided in us that he hoped that our child was a girl and sure enough he was right. a, your Great Grandfather was loved and respected by all who knew him. We hope you will learn the same traits that made him such a wonderful person; kindness, generosity, sensitivity and humor.

Rabbi:

By naming your daughter after her Great Grandfather, and her Great Grandmother , you honor their memories. Let everyone here also remember and honor them. Our God and God of all generations, sustain and protect this child for her father and mother. Help her learn and appreciate the words of the Torah. Give her the ability to love others and be loved by them. Help her parents, guide her in a life of family and community, justice and conscience, kindness and charity.

As \_\_\_\_\_ has been entered into the covenant, so may she be introduced to the study of Torah, to the wedding canopy, and to the practice of good deeds.

In the presence of this child's parents, family, and friends, I take great pleasure in introducing \_\_\_\_\_, daughter of \_\_\_\_\_. In Israel she will be known as \_\_\_\_\_.

Hebrew Misheberack

Rabbi:

\_\_\_\_\_, today you have been honored with your Hebrew name and entered into the covenant between our people and God. You will now and forever know your place in the world as our daughter and as a Jew. You have also entered into another sacred covenant, our family. You have given us the indescribable joy of parenthood and in return, we promise you that as you make your path in life, you will always know who you are and we will always be with you. We love you very much now and forever.

Rabbi:

Let us say together as \_\_\_\_\_ (father), \_\_\_\_\_ (mother), and \_\_\_\_\_ (child) share from the cup of wine to celebrate the greatest joys of participating in the creation of new life:

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheynu Melech Ha-Olam, Boray Pree Ha-Gafen

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine.

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheynu Melech Ha-Olam, Ha-Motzi Lechim Meen Ha-Aretz

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who brings forth bread from the earth.

May we be enabled to share in the joy of seeing \_\_\_\_\_ grow into adulthood, blessing her family, her people, and her community.

May God bless you and protect you. May God's presence shine for you and be favorable to you. May God's face turn to you and give you peace.

Amen.