

Blessing the Children

For a son:

יְשִׁמְךָ אֱלֹהִים Ye'simcha Elohim
כְּאַפְרַיִם וְכִמְנַשֶּׁה: ke-Ephraim ve'chi-Menashe

May God make you like Ephraim and Menashe.

For a daughter:

יְשִׁמְךָ אֱלֹהִים Ye'simech Elohim
כְּשָׂרָה רִבְקָה רָחֵל וְלֵאָה: ke-Sarah, Rivka, Rachel ve-Leah

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



Then continue, for both boys and girls:

יְבָרְכֶךָ יי וְיִשְׁמְרֶךָ: Ye'varech'echa Adonoy ve-yish'merecha.
יְאִיר יי פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וְיַחֲנֹנֶךָ: Ya'eir Adonoy panav eilecha viy-chuneka.
יִשָּׂא יי פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ Yisa Adonoy panav eilecha,
וְיִשֵּׂם לְךָ שָׁלוֹם: ve-yaseim lecha shalom.

May God bless you and watch over you.

May God shine His face toward you and show you favor.

May God be favorably disposed toward you,

and may He grant you peace.