

Blessing of the Children

Shabbat and Holidays

The parent places both hands on the child's head.

For boys say:

יְשִׁמְךָ אֱ-לֹהִים כְּאַפְרַיִם וְכַמְנַשֶּׁה.
ye-simkha elohim k-ephraim v'khe-m'nasheh.

For girls say:

יְשִׁמְךָ אֱ-לֹהִים כְּשָׂרָה רִבְקָה רַחֵל וְלֵאָה.
ye-simakh elohim ke-sara rivka rahel v'laeh.

For all children continue with the Priestly benediction:

יְבָרְכֶךָ יי וַיְשַׁמְרֶךָ:
y'varekhe-kha adonai v'yish-m'rekha
יָאֵר יי פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וַיְחַנֶּךָ:
ya'er adonai panav ei-lekha ve-khoonekha
יֵשֵׂא יי פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וַיַּשֵּׂם לְךָ שָׁלוֹם:
ye-sah adonai panav ei-lekha v'yasem lekha shalom.