

Brit Bat: Baby Naming for Anna Sofia Weinstein

officiated by Cantor Ross Wolman
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Entering with Anna: Grandparents Neal & Lori Weinstein

Eliyahu Hanavi

אליהו הנביא

Eliyahu hanavi, Eliyahu hatishbi, Eliyahu hagiladi.

אליהו הנביא, אליהו התשבּי, אליהו הגלעדי

Bimheirah v'yameinu yavo eileinu,

במהרה בימינו, יבא אלינו,

im mashi'ach ben David.

עם משיח בן דוד.

May Elijah the prophet, Elijah the Tishbite, Elijah of Gilead, quickly in our day come to us heralding redemption.

Shehecheyanu

שהחינו

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech ha'olam,

ברוך אתה, יי אלהינו, מלך העולם,

Shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higiyanu lazman hazeh.

שהחינו וקימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of creation, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

Blessing from Goldie Bookstein

We are thankful for the many joys with which our lives have been blessed. Now this great goodness has come to us; new life, new children to love. 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 you. May they rear you with wisdom and understanding, teaching you the ways of Torah and the ways of our world. We look forward to seeing you develop all of your faculties and helping you to fulfill the best that is in you. We offer you our unconditional love and consider ourselves privileged to share in your life.

Blessing from Peggy Bookstein

Our God and God of all generations, we are grateful for new beginnings, for the bond of new life that links one generation to another, thankful for the blessings of family, and for the love and care that bring meaning and happiness to our lives. We rejoice with our children in the birth of their children. We celebrate the addition of this boy and this girl to the covenant that has bound generations to our Jewish tradition. May the wisdom of our ancestors guide them and their parents on their journey together. May they continue to grow together as a family in health and strength, in harmony, wisdom, and love.

Blessing from Jordan & Tian

What we wish for you, we wish for all children.

We wish for you to be a person of character, strong but not tough, gentle but not weak.

We wish for you to be righteous but not self-righteous, honest but not unforgiving.

Whenever you journey, may your steps be firm, and may you walk in just paths and not be afraid.

Whenever you speak, may your words be words of wisdom and friendship.

May your hands build, and your heart preserve what is good and beautiful in our world.

May the voices of the generations of our people move through you, and may the God of our ancestors be your God as well.

May you know that there is a people, a rich heritage to which you belong, and from that sacred place you are connected to all who dwell on earth.

May the stories of our people be upon your heart, and the grace of the *Torah* rhythm dance in your soul.

~Rabbi Sandy Eisenberg Sasso

Blessing from Neal & Lori Weinstein

Live each day to the fullest, get the most from each hour, each day and each age of your life. Then you can look forward with confidence and back without regrets. Be yourself – but be your best self. Dare to be different and to follow your own star. And don't be afraid to be happy. Enjoy what is beautiful. Love with all your heart and soul. Believe that those you love, love you.

Forget what you have done for your friends and remember what they have done for you. Disregard what the world owes you and concentrate on what you owe the world. When you are faced with a decision, make that decision as wisely as possible – then forget it. The moment of absolute certainty never arrives.

Blessed is the generation in which the old listen to the young and the young listen to the old.

Blessing from Andrew, Zach, and Mike

Every child comes into the world with a message:

that God is not discouraged with us.

For with every child comes the hope for new possibilities.

Every child brings fresh energy into the world

for greater fulfillment and purpose to all the lives that surround it. Each new soul is testimony to our conviction that we still believe that life is good, that life is worthwhile.

The hope is here.

That hope is our celebration, as we give that hope a new name.

Blessing from Debbie & Howard

Every person born into this world represents something new, something that never existed before, something original and unique. (Shir HaShirim Rabbah on 1:4)

It is up to us to know and recognize

that this new person is unique in the world,

a singular character and personality,

and that there has never been anyone like this child before —

for if there had been,

there would have been no need for this new life to be in the world.

(Inspired by Martin Buber, *The Way of Man*, p. 16)

Blessing with Tallit from Anna's Parents, Karen & Mitchell Weinstein

As we wrap you in this *tallit*, so may your life be wrapped in justice and righteousness. As we embrace you 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 fingers, so may you grasp hold of learning and grow in knowledge and in wisdom.

Parents' Blessing: Karen & Mitchell Weinstein

Karen: My daughter, 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 go.

Mitchell: My daughter, 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 my love.

Miriam's well: We recognize seven women who honor us as roll models for Anna

Debbie Weinstein	Infinite Generosity	נְדִיבוּת
Peggy Bookstein	Strength and Valor	אִמְץ לֵב וְחַיִל
Lori Weinstein	Boundless Hope and Sense of Possibility	תְּקוּהָ וְאַפְשָׁרוּת
Tian Weinstein	Wit and Humor	חֹשֶׁשׁ וְהוּמוֹר
Anny Villamil	Intelligence and Creativity	חֵכְמָה וְיִצְרִיתוּת
Shayna McKim	Compassion and Healing	רַחֲמִים וְרִפּוּאָה
Goldie Bookstein	Unconditional Love	אַהֲבָה רַבָּה

Footwashing: Covenant of Welcome

In the Torah we read that three angels appeared at Abraham and Sarah's tent. As a sign of warmth and hospitality they welcomed them by washing their feet. Anna, we now invite the women of your family to wash your feet as we formally welcome you into the covenant of our people. May the values of love, of warmth, and of hospitality, which our ancestors Abraham and Sarah modeled for us, be ever-present in your life.

Wash Anna's feet and recite the blessing.

Miriam Han'vi'ah

text by Rabbi Leila Gal Berner

Miriam han'vi'ah, oz v'zimrah b'yadah

Miriam tirkod itanu l'hagdil zimrat olam

Miriam tirkod itanu l'takein et ha'olam

Bimheirah v'yameinu hi t'vi'einu

מִרְיָם הַנְּבִיאָה

sung to the tune of Eliyahu Hanavi

מִרְיָם הַנְּבִיאָה, עֵז וְזִמְרָה בְיָדָהּ

מִרְיָם תִּרְקֹד אֶתְנֵנוּ לְהַגְדִּיל זִמְרַת עוֹלָם.

מִרְיָם, תִּרְקֹד אֶתְנֵנוּ לְתַקֵּן אֶת הָעוֹלָם.

בְּמַהֲרָה בְיָמֵינוּ הִיא תְּבִיאֵנוּ

el mei hay'shu'ah, el mei hay'shu'ah.

אֵל מֵי הַיְשׁוּעָה, אֵל מֵי הַיְשׁוּעָה.

Miriam, the prophet, strength and song in her hand, Miriam, dance with us in order to increase the song of the world. Miriam, dance with us in order to repair the world. Soon she will bring us to the waters of redemption.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech ha'olam,

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,

zocheir habrit birchitzat raglayim

זוֹכֵר הַבְּרִית בְּרַחֲצֵת רַגְלַיִם.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who is mindful of the covenant through the washing of feet.

Parents' Blessing:

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech ha'olam,

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,

asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav, v'tzivanu

אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ

l'hachnisah bivrit am Yisrael.

לְהַכְנִיסָה בְּבְרִית עַם יִשְׂרָאֵל

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who makes us holy through mitzvot, commanding us to bring our daughter into the covenant of our people Israel.

Cantor's Blessing: Conferring Anna's Hebrew Name

אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ, קַיִם אֶת הַיְלָדָה הַזֹּאת לְאֲבִיהָ וְלְאִמָּהּ וַיִּקְרָא שְׁמָהּ בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל
חנה בת מאיר חיים

יְשַׁמַּח הָאֵב בְּיוֹצֵא חֲלָצֵיו וְתִגַּל אִמָּהּ בְּפָרִי בִטְנָהּ. זֹאת הַקְּטַנָּה גְּדוּלָה תִהְיֶה.
בְּשֵׁם שְׁנִכְנֹסָה לְבְרִית, בֶּן תִּכְנֹס לְתוֹרָה וְלַחֲפָה וְלִמְעֻשִׁים טוֹבִים. וְנוֹמֵר: אָמֵן.

Our God, God of our mothers and our fathers: Sustain this child through her parents' loving care.

Let her be known among our people Israel by the name **Hanna bat Meir Chaim**

May her name be a source of joy to her, and inspire her to serve our people and all humankind.

May her parents rejoice in her growth of body and soul. As they have brought their daughter into the Covenant, so may they, with wisdom and patience, lead her to a life filled with:

תְּנִירָה, the blessing of learning and community;

חֲפָה, a loving relationship worthy of God's blessing;

and מְעֻשִׁים טוֹבִים, the pursuit of good deeds. Together we say: Amen.

Karen & Mitchell explain the Hebrew & English names

Mi Shebeirach Prayer for Healing

words by Debbie Friedman & Drorah Setel based on Liturgy

Mi shebeirach avoteinu,

M'kor hab'rachah l'imoteinu

May the Source of strength, who blessed the ones before us
Help us find the courage to make our lives a blessing; and let us say: Amen

Mi shebeirach imoteinu,

M'kor hab'rachah l'avoteinu

Bless those in need of healing with a r'fu'ah sh'leimah
the renewal of body; the renewal of spirit; and let us say: Amen

מי שברך לחולים

music by Debbie Friedman

מי שברך אבותינו

מקור הברכה לאמותינו

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מקור הברכה לאבותינו

Kiddush: Using Michell's Bar Mitzvah Kiddush Cup

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech ha'olam,

borei p'ri hagafen.

Praise to You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine.

קידוש

ברוך אתה, יי אלהינו, מלך העולם,

בורא פרי הגפן.

Final Blessing: Cantor Wolman

יְבָרְכֶךָ יי וישמְרֶךָ || יָאֵר יי פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ ויחַנֶּנֶךָ || יֵשֵׂא יי פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וישִׂם לְךָ שְׁלוֹם

May God bless you and keep you. May God's presence shine upon you and be gracious to you. May God's presence be with you and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)

Motzi: Blessing over the bread - led by Uncle Sammy

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha'olam,

hamotzi lechem min ha'aretz.

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

Mazal tov!!

Siman tov umazal tov umazal tov v'siman tov (3x)

Y'hei lanu

Y'hei lanu, y'hei lanu ulchol Yisrael.

It is a good and lucky sign for us and for all Israel!

המוציא

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם

המוציא לחם מן-הארץ.

מזל טוב!!

סמן טוב ומזל טוב, ומזל טוב וסמן טוב (3x)

יהא לנו

יהא לנו, יהא לנו, ולכל-ישראל.