בְּרוּכָת תַבָּאָת.

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בְּרוּכָה הַבָּאָה.

Blessed is she who comes

O my dove in the rocky clefts, In the covert of terrace high, Let me see thy countenance, Let me hear thy voice,

For sweet is thy voice And thy countenance comely.

וֹנָתִי בְּחַגְוֵי הַשֶּּלֵע בְּסֵתֶר הַפַּוְדֵנְגָה. הַרְאִינִי אֶת מַרְאַיִּה. הַשְּׁמִיעִינִי אַת-קוֹלֵךְ. פִּי-קוֹלֵךְ עָרֵב וּמַרְאֵיךְ נָאנֶה:

Praised are You, God, who rules the universe, granting favor even to the imperfect. Thank You, God, for granting mercy to me.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יהוה, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלֶם, הַגּוֹמֵל לְחַיָּבִים טוֹבוֹת, שׁגִּמלנִי כּל טוֹב.

Those present respond:

May God, who has been gracious to you in your time of need, continue to favor you with all that is good.

וי שַּגְּמָלֵךְ כָּל טוֹב הוא יִגְמְלֵךְ כָּל טוֹב, סֶלָה.

זה הכסא של אליהו הנביא זכור לטוב.

לִישוּעָתֵּךְ קוּיתִּי יי. שְבַּרְתִּי לִישוּעָתֵּךְ יי, וּמִצְוֹתַיִּךְ עָשִׂיתִי.

רָחֵל אֵם הַבָּנִים עִמְדִי עַל יְמָנִי וְשְמְחִי בְּבָתֵך. אֵלִיָהוּ מַלְאָךְ הַבְּרִית עַמוֹד עַל שְׁמָאלִי וְהָעֵד. שִבְּרְתִּי לִישוּעָתַךְ יי. שָשׁ אָנִכִי עַל אִמְרָתִיךְ, כְּמוֹצֵא שָׁלָל רָב.

שָׁלוֹם רָב לְאהַבִּי תּוֹרְתִּידְ, וְאֵיוַ לָמוֹ מִכְשׁוֹל. אַשְׁרֵי תִּבְחַרִי וּתְּקָרְבִי תּשׁכּוֹן חַצֵּרִידְ,

This is the throne of Elijah the Prophet who is remembered for the good.

For Your salvation I long, God. I hoped for Your salvation, God, and I performed Your commandments.

Rachel, "Mother of the Children," stand to my right and rejoice. Elijah, angel of the covenant, stand to my left and witness. I hoped for Your salvation, God. I rejoice over your word, like one who finds abundant spoils.

There is abundant peace for the lovers of Your Torah, and there is no stumbling block for them.

Happy is the one You choose and bring near to Your court.

אַתּם נִצָּבִים הַיּוֹם כַּלְּכֶם לִפְנֵי יְהוֹה אֱלהֵיכֶם רָאשׁיכֶם שִּׁרְטֵיכֶם זִּקְנֵיכֶם נִאָּבָים הַיּוֹם כַּלְּכֶם לִפְנֵי יְהוֹה אֱלהֵיכֶם רָאשׁיכֶם שִּׁרְטֵיכֶם זִּקְנֵיכֶם וְשִׁרְטֵיכֶם כֹּל אִישׁ יִשְׁרָאֵל: טַפְּכֶם נְשִׁיכֶם וְגֵרְך אֲשֶׁר בְּקֶרָת יְהוֹה אֱלהֶיך בְּקְלָתוֹ אֲשֶׁר יְהוֹה יִהוֹה אֱלהֶיך בִּאְלָתוֹ אֲשֶׁר יְהוֹה יִהְיָה-לְּךְ בְּאַלְהִים כַּאֲשֶׁר זְשְׁבֶּע לַאֲבֹתֶיך לְאַבְּרָהָם לְיִצְחָק וּלְיַצְקֹב: לְאַלהִים כְּאֲשֶׁר זְּבֶּרְיִת הָיֹּאת וְאֶת-הָאָלֶה הַיֹּאת: כִּי לְאַלְהִי יְהוֹה אֱלהֵינוּ וְאֵת אֲשֶׁר אֵינֶנוּ פֹּה אֶתְּכִּם לִנְיִי יְהוֹה אֱלהֵינוּ וְאֵת אֲשֶׁר אֵינֶנוּ פֹּה עֵמֶד הַיּוֹם לִפְנֵי יְהוֹה אֱלהֵינוּ וְאֵת אֲשֶׁר אֵינֶנוּ פֹּה עָמֵבּי כּטִיט-יִד)

You stand this day, all of you, before the Lord your God – your tribal heads, your elders and your officials, all the men of Israel, your children, your wives, even the stranger within your camp, from woodchopper to waterdrawer – to enter into the covenant of the Lord your God, which the Lord your God is concluding with you this day. . . I make this covenant, with its sanctions, not with you alone, but both with those who are standing here with us this day before the Lord our God and with those who are not with us here this day. (D'varim 29:9-14)

אַתָּה יהוה, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶּף הָעוֹלֶם, אֲשֶׁר קִדֵּשׁ יְדִיד מִבֶּטֶן, אֵל חַי חֶלְקֵנוּ צוֹרֵנוּ צִוָּה לְהַצִּיל יְדִידוּת שְאֵרֵנוּ מִשֵּׁחַת, לְמַעַן בְּרִיתוֹ. בָּרוּךּ אָתָּה יהוה, כּוֹרֵת הַבְּרִית.

Blessed are You, Ruler of the universe, who has sanctified Your beloved from the womb, establishing Your holy covenant throughout the generations. May devotion to the covenant continue to sustain us as a people. Praised are You, eternal God, who has established the covenant.

We praise You Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

בָּרוּךְּ אַתָּה יהוה, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהֶחֶיָנוּ וְקִיְמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לַזְּמֵן הַזָּה. ְנַהַקְּדוֹשׁ־ בְּרוּדְּ־הוּא שׁוֹלַתַ מַלְאָךְ מִשְּׁמֵּי־כָּרוֹם וּמְנַקָּה אֶת־יַלְדִיהָן, וּמְשַׁפֵּר אוֹתָם כְּחַיָּה זוֹ, שֶּׁמְשׁפֶּרֶת אֶת־הַנָּלָד, וּמְלַקֵּט לָהָם שְׁנִי עִּגוּלִים, אֶחָד שֶׁל דְּכשׁ וְאָחָד שֶׁל שֶׁכָּן, שְׁנָאֲמֵר: -וַיֵּנּקְהוּ דְּכשׁ מְסֶלַע וְשָׁבֵּן מָחַלְמִישׁ צוּר״

[When the mothers of Israel gave birth in Egypt:] Then from the heights of heaven the Holy One sent an angel who cleansed the infants and massaged their bodies as a midwife does to make a child look beautiful... Then God selected for each of them two breast-shaped stones, one filled with honey and the other with oil, as it is said "And God made them suck honey out of the crag, and oil out of the flinty rock." (Sh'mot Rabbah 1:12)

יַעַקב חַבֶּל נַחַלְתוֹ:

ובְתָהוּ יִלֵל יִשְּׁמֵן

יִצְרֶנְהוּ כְּאִישִׁון עֵינְו:

יַשְׁאֲהוּ עַל־גְּוֹלָיו יִרְחֵוּ

יִשְׁאֵהוּ עַל־גְּבְרִתוֹ:

יַשְׁאֵהוּ עַל־אָבְרָתוֹ:

יַשְׁאֵהוּ עַל־אָבְרָתוֹ:

יַשְׁאֵמוֹ מַחַלְמֵישׁ צְוּר:

יִשְׁמָן מַחַלְמִישׁ צְוּר:

כֵּי חֵלֶקׁ יהוָה עַמֵּוּ יִמְצָאֵׁהוּ בְּאֶרֶץ בִּוְבָּּר יִמְבַבָּנְהוּ יְבִוּבְנֵהוּ יִמְבַבָּנְהוּ יְבִירְבְּנֹהוּ יִפְרָשׁ בְּנָפִיוֹ יִפְחֵׁהוּ יִרְבָּבָהוּ עַלֹּ בְּמותי אָּרֶץ יַרְבָּבָהוּ עַלֹ בְמותי אָרֶץ וַיִּנְקָהוּ דָבָשׁ מִפֶּׁלֶע

For the Lord's portion is the people, Ya'akov is the lot of God's inheritance. He found them in a desert land, and in waste howling wilderness; God led them about, instructed them, and kept them as the apple of God's eye. As an eagle stirs up her nest, broods over her young, spreads abroad her wings, takes them, bears them on pinions, so the Lord alone did lead them, and there was no strange god with them. God made them ride on the high places of the earth, and they ate the produce of the fields; and God made them suck honey out of the crag, and oil out of the flinty rock. (D'varim 32:13)

As the baby is touched with oil and honey, the parents say:

Harachaman, Compassionate One, may You open this child's heart. Harachaman, may You open this child's ears to the voices of all creation. Harachaman, may You open this child to loving with all her being.

As she has entered into the covenant, so may she enter into Torah, chupah, and a life of good deeds.

בְּשֵׁם שָּנִּכְּנְסָה לַבְּרִית, בַן תִּכָּנֵס לְתוֹרָה וּלְחֻפָּה וּלְמַעֲשִׁים טוֹבִים.

בַרוּך אַתַּה יהוה, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלֶם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרִי הַגָּפֶן.

Blessed are You, the Boundless One our God, Sovereign of all worlds, who creates the fruit of the vine.

בּרוּך אַתָּה יהוה אֱלֹהִינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא מִינֵי בְשָׁמִים. Blessed are You, Ruler of the Universe, who creates the various spices.

אֱלֹהֵינוּ וֵאלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ קַיֵּם אֶת הַיַּלְדָּה הַזֹּאת לְאָבִיהְ זְּלְאָמָה, וְיִּקָּרָא שְׁמָה בְּיִשְׂרָאַל: [חשם שנתו] בַּת [שם האכ] וְשָׁמָח הָאָב בְּיוֹצֵאת חֲלָצִיוּ, וְתָגל אִמָּה בִּבְּרִי רַחְמָה. כַּכָּתוּב: "יִשְׁמַח אָבִיּדּ וְאָמֶּדּ וְתָגל יוֹלַדְתֶּדְ" (משלי כג, כה) וְנָאֱמֵר: "יְטֶבר עָלֵידְ וָאֶרְאֵדְ מִתְבּוֹסֶסֶת בְּדְמָיִדְ וָאֹמֵר לָדְּ בְּרָמִיִּדְ חֲיִי וָאמֵר לֶדְ בְּרָמִיִּדְ חֵיִי וָאמֵר לֶדְ בִּרְמִיִּדְ חֵיִי וָאמֵר לֶדְ בְּרָמִיִּדְ חַיִי וָאמֵר לֶדְ בְּרָמִיִּדְ חַיִי" (יחזקאל טז, ו) וְנָאֱמֵר: "זְכַר לְעוֹלָם בְּרִיתוֹ דְּבָּר לְצִוֹלְם בְּרִיתוֹ דְּבָּר צְיָה לָאֵלֵף דּוֹר." (תהלים קה, ח-י)

הודו לַיהוה פִּי טוֹב, פִּי לְעוֹלֶם חַסְרוֹ. זוֹ הַקְּטַנָּה [שם הילדה] גְּדוֹלָה הִּהְיֶה. פְּשֵׁם שָנִּכְנְסָה לַבִּרִית בֵּן תִּכָּנֵס לְתוֹרָה וּלְחָפָּה וּלְמֵעֲשִים טוֹבים.

אַמֵּן.

Our God and God of our ancestors, preserve this child for her
father and mother, and let her name be called in Israel
, the daughter of
and Let them rejoice in their offspring, as
it is written: "Let your father and mother rejoice, and let hor that
pore you be glad." (Proverbs 23:25) And it is said: "When I page at
by you, and saw you wallowing in your blood I said to you!! is a in-
spite of your blood." (Ezekiel 16:6, And it is said: "God has roman
beled the covenant forever, the word which God commands to
thousand generations." (Psalm 105:8–10)
Give thanks to God, for God is good and God's kindness lasts forever. May this shill
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right anking the nas entered the covenant to may also the
the blessings of Torah, marriage, and a life of good deeds. Amen.

מִי שֶׁבֵּרַךּ שָּׁרָה וְרִבְּקָה רָחֵל וְלֵאָה. וּמִרְיָם הַנְּבִיאָה וַאֲבִיגֵיל. וְאֶסְתֵּר הַמַּלְכָּה בַּת אֲבִיחַיִּל. הוּא יְבָרַך אֶת הַיִּלְדָּה הַנְּעִימָה (הַזֹּאת). וְיָכָּרָא שְׁמָה בַּרְיָאוּת שְׁלוֹם וּמְנוּחָה. וִיזַכָּה אֶת־אָבִיהְ וְאֶת־אִפָּה לְרְאוֹת בְּשִׁמְחָתָה בְּבְרִיאוּת שְׁלוֹם וּמְנוּחָה. וִיזַכָּה אֶת־אָבִיהְ וְאֶת־אִפָּה לְרְאוֹת בְּשִׁמְחָתָה וּבְחֻבָּה. וּבְחֻבָּה. וְבַּחַבְּה. בְּבָנִים עֲבֶּרָה עֹשֶׁר וְכָבוֹר. דְשׁנִים וְרַעַנַנִּים יְנוּבוּן בְּשֵׁיבָה. וְכֵבוֹר. דְשׁנִים וְרַעֲנַנִּים יְנוּבוּן בְּשֵׁיבָה. וְכֵבוֹר. דְשׁנִים וְרַעֲנַנִּים יְנוּבוּן בְּשֵׁיבָה. וְכֵּבוֹר. בְּחָבִין וְנֹאמֵר וְכָבוֹר. בְּתַיִּנִה וְרָאַנִרִּים יְנוּבוּן בְּשֵׁיבָה.

May the One who blessed our mothers Sarah, Rivka, Rachel and Leah, Miriam the prophetess and Avigail, and Esther the Queen the daughter of Avichail, bless also this darling baby. With mazal tov and at a moment of blessing, may her name be called ______. May God bless her to grow up in health, peace and happiness. May God give to her parents the merit of seeing her experience joy and loving relationships and, if she chooses, motherhood. Vigorous and fresh they will be, they will grow old still blooming. May this be the will of God and let us say Amen.

יְשִׁימֵדְ אֱלֹהִים כְּשָׁרָה רִּבְקָה רָחֵל וְלֵאָה. יְבָרֶכְדּ יהוה וְיִשְׁמְרֶדּ. יָאֵר יהוה פָּנִיו אֵלֶידְ וִיחֻנֶּךְ. יִשָּׂא יהוה פָּנִיו אֵלֶידְ, וְיָשֵׁם לְדְּ שָׁלוֹם.

May God make you like Sara, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah.
May God bless you and guard you.
May God cause a light to shine on you and be gracious to you.
May God lift up his face to you and grant you peace.