



Bar/Bat Mitzvah Parent Blessing

[To be recited after the final Torah portion (maftir) is read. This is often chanted by the bar/bat mitzvah. The rabbi will cue you, but please bring this sheet up with you when you ascend to the bimah for your aliyah].

For Sons	For Daughters
<p>יְשִׁימָךְ אֱלֹהִים כְּאֶפְרַיִם וְכַמְנַשֶּׁה. <i>Y'sim'cha Elohim K'Efraim v'chi'Menashe.</i> May God make you like Efraim and Menashe.</p>	<p>יְשִׁימָךְ אֱלֹהִים כְּשָׂרָה רִבְקָה רָחֵל וְלָאָה. <i>Y'simaych Elohim K'Sah'rah Riv'kah Ra'chel v'Lay-ah.</i> May God make you like Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel & Lay'ah.</p>

For All Children:
<p>יְבָרְכֶךָ ה' וְיִשְׁמְרֶךָ. יֵאָר ה' פְּנֵיו אֵלֶיךָ וַיַּחֲנֶךָ. יִשָּׂא ה' פְּנֵיו אֵלֶיךָ וַיִּשֶׂם לְךָ שְׁלוֹם. <i>Y'varechicha Adonai V'yish'mi'recha.</i> <i>Ya'air Adonai panav ay-lecha vee'chu'neh-ka</i> <i>Yee-sah Adonai panav ay-lecha v'ya'same L'cha shalom.</i> May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine on you and be gracious to you. May God turn God's face toward you and grant you peace.</p>

Continue:

Surrounded by your family, friends, and community, we share these prayers we have for you:

May you have the ability to make your hopes and dreams come true and may you see your visions come to be.

May you be blessed with patience and understanding, with wisdom and compassion, in your heart and in your deeds.

May your deeds support justice and righteousness, and your goodness serve as an example to those around you.

May your enthusiasm for learning continue throughout your life and bring you great personal joy and fulfillment.

May your Judaism not be something merely inherited, but something to always be discovered.