



Parents' Blessing (a.k.a., the Priestly Blessing, the Three-Fold Blessing)

traditionally given on Friday night after lighting candles, with a parent's hand on the child's head

For a boy:

יִשִּׁימִדְּ אֵ-לֹהִים כָּאֶפַרַיִם וְכִמְנַשֵּׁה

Yesime<u>cha</u> Elo<u>him</u> ke-Efrayim ve-<u>chi</u>-Mna<u>sheh</u>
May the Eternal One make you like Ephraim and Menasheh

For a girl:

יְשִׁימֵדְ אֱ-לֹהִים כְּשָּׁרָה רִבְקָה רָחֵל וְלֵאָה

Yesi<u>mech</u> Elo<u>him</u> ke-Sa<u>rah</u>, Riv<u>kah</u>, Ra<u>chel</u>, ve-Le<u>ah</u> May the Eternal One make you like Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah

For all:

יָבָרֶכְדָּ יְיָ וְיִשְׁמְרֶדְּ

Yeva<u>rech</u>echa Ado<u>nai</u> ve-yishme<u>rech</u>a May the Holy One bless you and guard you.

יָאֵר יְיָ פָּנָיו אֵלֶידְּ וִיחֻנֶּדְ

Ya'er Ado<u>nai</u> pa<u>nav</u> ei<u>lech</u>a vi-chu<u>ne</u>ka May the Holy One's face shine toward you and show you favor.

יִשָּׁא יִיָ פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךְ וְיָשֵׁם לְדְּ שָׁלוֹם

*Yi<u>sa Adonai panav</u> eil<u>ech</u>a ve-ya<u>sem</u> le<u>cha</u> sha<u>lom</u>

May the Holy One's face be lifted toward you and grant you <i>shalom*.