

## **Family Blessing**

Please adjust the pronouns in this blessing to include a daughter or a second son if we are naming twins.

### **READER 1**

**“Every person born into the world represents someone new and unknown, wonderfully unique and special. It is the duty of each of us assembled here today, as well as all who will encounter this new being to know and consider that he is a unique individual. There has never been anyone quite like them in the world.**

### **READER 2**

**This boy has a future, a destiny that is all his own. He will not have to face the infinite universe alone, nor worry that he will be unprepared, for he is surrounded by loving family and friends who care deeply for him. Each of us brings our love and our dedication, helping him to feel understood, supported and special as he goes through life.” [adapted from Martin Buber Hasidism and Modern Man]**

### **READER 3**

**We are so thankful for the many joys with which our lives have been blessed. Now this miracle has come to us, a new child, a new life, to hold and to behold.**

### **READER 4**

**(Baby’s name) may you grow up in health and happiness, to become a blessing to your family, to your friends, and to all who come to know you.**

### **READER 5**

**May your parents rear you with wisdom, understanding, and humor, teaching you the ways of righteousness, to lead you to study Torah, to develop your talents, care for the earth, and to practice love and kindness.**

### **READER 6**

**And may we be blessed with the joy of watching you develop and grow, helping you along the way as you journey through life. You are the future. May it be one of Shalom, Peace.**

**Blessing;**

**Adapted from Martin Buber Hasidim, Modern Man, with contributions from various family members**