

## A New Blessing for a Bat Mitzvah (and baby naming):

*This new blessing was compiled by Rabbi Tow and Ornit Michael. The classic blessing for children “Yevarech’echa” appears in masculine language only in its original context, i.e. “May God bless you”, ‘you’, in the masculine. Using similar themes as the original priestly blessing and other Biblical sources, this new blessing is an alternative that is completely written in the feminine for our young women and may also be used for naming a baby girl.*

*Pronunciation note: The “a” sound in Hebrew is pronounced “ah”. The “ch” sound is the guttural/throat sound.*

יְשִׁימֶךָ אֱלֹהִים כְּשָׂרָה רִבְקָה רָחֵל וְלֵאָה

1. *Yes’ee’mech Elo-heem ki’Sarah, Rivkah, Rachel, ve’Leah.*
2. May God bless you as God blessed Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah.

יִתֵּן ה' אֶת בְּרַכְתּוֹ עֲלֶיךָ, וְיִשְׁמֹר אוֹתָךְ בְּכֹל דְּרָכֶיךָ.

3. *Yee’ten Ado-nai et bir’cha’toh ah’lah’yeech  
Ve’yeesh’more oh’tach bechol di’rah’cha’yeech.*

4. May God grant blessings to you, and may God guard you on all your journeys.

יֵאִיר ה' אֶת לִבְךָ, וְיַחֲוֹן כְּאִשֶּׁר תִּכְבְּדֶיהוּ.

5. *Ya’ear Ado-nai et lee’bech, ve’yachon ka’a’share ti’chab’dee’hoo.*

6. May God light up your heart, and may God grant kindness to you as you give honor to God.

יִשָּׂא ה' אֶת כָּל טוֹבוֹ אֲלֶיךָ, וְיִהְיֶה שְׁלוֹם בְּחַיֶּלְךָ.

7. *Yee’sah Ado-nai et kol too’voh eh’la’yeech, vee’hee shalom bi’chay’lech.*

8. May God’s goodness be with you, and may you have peace in your life.