



Celebrating the Birth of a Grandbaby

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Ruach HaDorot — Breath of Generations,
Thank You for the miracle unfolding before our eyes:
This child, this spark, this soul,
Newly arrived *b'tzelem Elohim* — in the image of the Divine.

We give thanks for the circle of creation:
for our children who now cradle their own,
for sacred continuities stitched through time,
for whispered lullabies and renewed family names,
for legacies that linger like light.

Help us embrace our evolving role:
No longer the center, yet still essential;
may our presence be purposeful and patient,
providing quiet comfort in moments of chaos,
a steady shofar sounding joy.

And as we whisper Shema into tiny ears,
May we remember: this is sacred work.

Grant us the wisdom:

To give them space and let them soar.

To witness, to water, to welcome with awe.

So that this child and the parents may know blessing,
and we may become blessings anew.

*Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech ha'olam,
shehecheyanu, v'kiy'manu, v'higianu lazman hazeh.*

Blessed are You, Eternal our God, Sovereign of the universe,
who has given us life, sustained us,
and enabled us to reach this moment.

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