

When Israel stood at Sinai to receive the Torah, the Holy One said: “Present to Me good guarantors that you will guard my Torah, and then I shall give it to you.”

*They said: “Our ancestors are our guarantors.”*

The Holy One said: “Your ancestors are not sufficient guarantors. Bring me better guarantors, and I shall give you the Torah.”

*They said: “Ruler of the universe, our prophets are our guarantors.”*

God said to them: “The prophets are not sufficient guarantors. Yet bring Me better guarantors, and I shall give you the Torah.”

*They said: “Our children will be our guarantors.”*

The Holy One said: “They are certainly good guarantors. For their sake I give the Torah to you.”

The Psalmist said:

הַיְהִי נַחֲלַת יְיָ בְּנִים שְׂכָר פְּרֵי הַבֶּטֶן.

*“Children are a heritage of God, the fruit of the womb is a precious reward.”* (Psalm 127:3)

Our God and God of all generations, we thank You for many blessings:

*For the mystery of creation, for Torah and mitzvot, for companionship and love, for the warmth of family, for the joy and sacred privilege of parenthood.*

Parents:

*We joyfully bring our daughter into the Covenant of Israel.*

זָכַר לְעוֹלָם בְּרִיתוֹ, דָּבָר צְנוּה לְאַלְפֵי דוֹר. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, כּוֹרֵת הַבְּרִית.

God remembers the Covenant forever, the word commanded to a thousand generations. We praise You, O God, who establishes the Covenant.