### The Naming of Alia Lynn

"Simchat Bat"

July 13, 2008 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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### Ceremony Program

Welcome

Birkat Ha-Gomel (Prayer of Thanksgiving)

Readings

Naming of Alia Lynn

Bringing our Daughter into the Covenant

Hatov V'hameitiv and Shechechiyanu (Prayers of Gratitude) Songs: "Hine Ma Tov" "O' Seh Shalom

## Covenant of Creation By Tikva Frymer-Kensky

In my womb You formed the child, (Ps. 139:13) in my womb. I nourished it. (Ps. 139:16) You formed and numbered the baby's limbs. I contained and protected them. You who could see the child in my depths, (Ps. 139:15) I who felt the kicks and turns, together we counted the months. Together we planned the future. Flesh of my Flesh (Jer. 1:5, Isa.49:5) form of Your form. (Gen.1:26) Another human being upon the earth. a home for God in this, our world.

#### Birkat Ha-Gomel

Blessed are You. Adonai, our God. who bestows kindness on us who are committed, and has granted us your kindness.



Song: "Nigun Dol"

#### Build Me a Daughter

Boild me a Daughter, God, who will bring honor to the names of the matriarchs. Bestow upon her their qualities of nobility, beauty, strength, and gentility. May she be like Ruth, a fountain of our faith. May she be like Golda, a pillar of our people. Instill in her the love of learning; grant her the joy of

marriage, teach her to have compassion upon all life that she be blessed with the three-fold blessing of Torah, Chupah, and Ma'asim Tovim.

Build me a daughter, God, who will be strong enough to know when she is weak and brave enough to face herself when she is afraid, one who will be proud and unbending in honest defeat, but humble and gentle in victory.

Send her, I pray, not only in the path of ease and comfort but also in the spur of difficulty and challenge. Here let her learn to stand up in the storm; here let her learn compassion for those who fall. Grant her the insight to know herself and the wisdom to know you. Be with us, her parents, as we begin this new journey through life.

Build me a daughter. God, whose heart will be clear, whose goal will behigh: a daughter who will master herself before she seeks to master others, one who will learn to laugh, yet never forget how to weep; one who willreach into the future, yet never forget the past. After all these things are hers, this I pray, enough sense of humor that she may always be serious but never take herself seriously. Give her humility so that she may always remember the simplicity of true greatness, the open mind of true wisdom, the meekness of true strength, then we, her parents, will dare to whisper. "We, too, have been enriched."

Songs: "Simen Tov, Mazel Tov"

"Y'varech'cha"

"Lomir Alle In Einen",

"I Wish You Bluebirds"

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#### <u>Shechechiyanu</u>

Blessed are You, Adonai, our God, who has allowed us to live, has preserved us, and has enabled us to reach this season.

Aliyah - to go up, to ascend Mayan - spring, oasis

#### We Dedicate Our Child to Torah...

We dedicate our child to Torah - to a never-ending fascination with study and learning With a book she will never be alone.

We dedicate our child to Chupah – to neverending growth as a human being capable of giving and receiving love. With loving family and friends, she will never be alone.

We dedicate our child to Ma-asim Tovim – to a never-ending concern for family and community, justice and charity. While she cares for others, she will never be alone.