



BABY'S BLESSINGS

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Let's face it: There are few relationships as lovingly uncomplicated as the ones between babies and their bubbes. This book highlights the many ways a baby brings blessings into a grandparent's life, and the bottomless love that results.

JEWISH CONCEPTS

The relationship between grandparents and their grandchildren can be magical. It's highly prized in most cultures, and Judaism is no exception. In Judaism, the bond between the generations is often referred to by the phrase *l'dor vador*, Hebrew for "from generation to generation." To learn more, visit pjlibrary.org/babysblessings.

The grandmother and grandfather in this book great examples of what *l'dor vador* is all about: They are passing down Jewish traditions and values without even trying. Just by being themselves, they are exposing their beloved grandchild to Jewish foods like *kugel* (pudding) and *challah* (braided bread); traditions like observing Shabbat, the Jewish Sabbath; and ritual objects like a *mezuzah* (an amulet holding a special prayer) and a *tzedakah* box (a coin box to collect money for charity). Even their names carry cultural weight: *Bubbe* and *Zayde* mean "grandmother" and "grandfather" in Yiddish, the language once spoken by Central and Eastern European Jews. *Bubbe* and *Zayde* are a powerful example of how grandparents are often among the strongest models of character, tradition, values, and responsibility. Above all, however, they remind us that as the generations stretch on, love only seems to grow -- and that is a blessing indeed.