



WELCOME SONG FOR BABY

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With delightful photos and engaging text, this book offers a Jewish perspective on the many joys of welcoming a little one into the family.

JEWISH CONCEPTS

Whether through birth or adoption, welcoming a child into a family and a home is cause for great joy. Jewish tradition prizes family life, and raising children is at the heart of it. *Welcome Song for Baby* celebrates the love and promise each new life brings into the world. Several Hebrew words and phrases, such as *shir* (“sing”) and *laila tov* (“good night”) appear in this book. We also find running through the pages a *niggun*, a type of Jewish melody that often has no words. Rabbi Nachman of Breslov, a famous 18th-century sage, said, “Song is the soul of the universe.” Through the centuries, Jewish people have used nigguns to express musically what may be impossible to communicate through words – thoughts and feelings that come from a place that is peaceful, prayerful, haunting, or, as in this case, spring from wonder, gratitude, and endless possibility. What could more easily take us beyond words than the blessing of those little beings who, by their very existence in our lives, have “changed us all forever”? Visit pjlibrary.org/welcomesongforbaby to learn more, and to listen to the niggun in this book.

Barukh haba! Welcome!

