

Phrases, Quotes & Symbols



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<p>ברכת הבית: בזה השער לא יבוא צער. בזאת הדירה לא תבוא צרה. בזאת הדלת לא תבוא בהלה. בזאת המחלקה לא תבוא מחלוקת. בזה המקום תהי ברכה ושלו.</p>	<p><i>(first line plus one or more additional lines)</i> Blessing for the home: Let no sadness come through this gate. Let no trouble come to this dwelling. Let no fear come through this door. Let no conflict be in this place. Let this home be filled with the blessing of joy and peace.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">בשב"ל נברא העולם אנכי עפר ואפר</p> <p>Inspired by a Hasidic teaching, that all persons should have two pieces of paper, one in each pocket. On one is written "On my behalf was the whole world created" (Mishnah of Sanhedrin 4:5) and on the other "I am but dust and ashes." (Gen. 18:2)</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">לא עליך המלאכה לגמר ולא אתה בן חורין להבטל ממנה</p> <p>"It is not for you to complete the work [of repairing the world]. Not up to you to finish it. But neither are you free to desist from it." This phrase comes from Pirkei Avot (Ethics of the Fathers), which is part of the Mishna, the Jewish oral law.</p>	
<p>יברכך ה' וישמרך יאר ה' פניו אליך ויחנך ישא ה' פניו אליך וישם לך שלום</p>	<p>Priestly blessing, traditionally used to bless children Friday nights. May g'd bless you and guard/keep you May g'd make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you May g'd lift up his face onto you and give you peace</p>
<p>אני לדודי ודודי לי</p>	<p>This is from the biblical Song of Solomon and translates, loosely, as "My beloved is mine, and I am hers, who browses among the lillies/roses."</p>
<p>שלום</p>	<p>Shalom / Peace</p>
<p>מזרח</p>	<p>Mizrach / East, the direction of Jerusalem. It is traditional to have an artistic wall plaque or other piece of artwork on the Eastern wall of the home.</p>

Symbols, Emblems, etc

Emblems

Menorah
Crown
Tables of Law
Magen David
Hamsa
Endless Knot



Plants and Animals

Tree of Life
Potted Plants, Vines, Tendrils
Lion (power, majesty)
Gazelle (beauty, grace)
Deer (craving for mercy)
Eagle (political power)
Double-headed Eagle
Griffin (evolved from cherubs?)
Birds (human soul)
Stork (good, charitable)
Peacock
Fish (Adar, fertility)
Snakes



Human Form

Blessing hands
Angels
Biblical Personages

Architectural Elements

Holy Ark, Columns, Arched Gateway, Bimah,
Lamps, Oil Pitchers

Other

Banners, Ribbons, Pendants, Shields, Medallions,
Buildings, Geometrical Patterns, Secular Flags and
Emblems, Weapons, Stars, Musical Instruments,
Jerusalem Skyline