



Jewish Doula

Labour & Birth Services

A Selection of Jewish Texts on Children

The rabbis teach us: When governments mint a coin, they use one mold and all the coins come out the same. But when God made human beings, God too uses the same mold (Adam and Eve) and yet everyone is different. Therefore each of us should say, "For me the world was created."
Mishna Sanhedrin 4:5

Each Child brings his or her own blessing into the world –
Yiddish saying

When the people of Israel stood at Mt. Sinai ready to receive the Torah, God said to them, "Bring Me good securities to guarantee that you will keep it, and then I will give the Torah to you."

They said, "Our Ancestors will be our securities."
God said to them, "I have faults to find with your ancestors....Bring Me good securities and I will give it to you."

They said, "Ruler of the Universe, our prophets will be our securities."

God said to them, "I have faults to find with your prophets....Still, bring Me good securities and I will give it to you."

They said, "Our children will be our securities."
God replied, "Indeed, these are good securities. For their sake I will give you the Torah." -- *Song of Songs Rabbah I:4*