

Nadav Chanan, you are one lucky, not so little guy. Not only do you have the most amazing parents, you are surrounded by so many people who love you, and care for you. With us today, are three great grandparents; Great Granny, GG, and Old Zady. We are celebrating today with Grandma, Grandpa, Bubby, Zady, and your 10 aunts and uncles including the youngest uncle we have ever met - your nine year old uncle Asher. Your cousin Zev, flew in from Atlanta to be here with you today. We are joined by so many others, family and friends, who have come to celebrate with you today.

We also want to pause to mention those who are no longer with us, your Pawpaw, Great Grandpa Alex, Great Grandma BeeBee, Nana Roweena, Zady Manny, your Aunt Elizabeth, and your Nana Cheryl. While they are no longer with us, their presence can most definitely be felt, and their memory will be carried on through you.

Your mother and I would also like to take a moment to say thank you to our New Rochelle Community, we are so incredibly grateful to have the opportunity to celebrate one last Dorsch family Simchah here at Beth El.

Nadav Chanan, You are named after your Nana, your dad's mom of blessed memory: Cheryl Naan, Zlatah Nechamah. I am deeply sorry that I never got to meet your Nana - but over the past four years of loving your dad I feel like I've gotten to know her well. While she is no longer with us, she lives on through her children, and now through you.

Your first name, Nadav, means giving and generous. Your nana was the warmest, kindest women, anyone ever met. She was generous and gave all of herself to those whom she loved and cared for, especially to her children, a value that she passed on to them, one that we want to pass on to you.

Chanan, your middle name, means compassion and grace. Your nana not only gave all of herself to help others, but did so compassionately and with grace, helping those she cared for, at home and in her job as a social worker, feel loved and supported. We know that she loves you.

In what is one of my most favorite passages in the Tanach, Moses asks the Israelites to make donations to help build the Mishkan. Everyone who was Nadav Libo - whose heart moved them to give - was invited to make a donation to the project. What happened was somewhat unexpected. The Israelites were so inspired, and excited to have the opportunity to participate, that they gave too much. Moses was so overwhelmed and overjoyed by all of the gifts that he actually had to tell the Israelites to stop giving.

Nadav Chanan, your father and I are already overwhelmed, and overjoyed with the many gifts that you have given us - you made us parents. And our hope and pray for you is the you will always be Nadav BeLibo, you will always do whatever it is your heart moves you to do, and go wherever it is that your heart moves you to go. May you give generously, and share the many gifts that you will have to offer with your family and friends, and to all those who care about you. And just like your Nana, may you do so with Chanan, with compassion, and with grace, bringing blessings to yourself, your family, and the world around you.

*Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech HaOlam, Shechianu V'Kiyemanu, V'Higyanu Lazman Hazeh.* Blessed are you lord our God, creator of the universe who has granted us life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this very moment today.

And let us say Amen.