

TORAH BLESSINGS for INTERFAITH PARENTS

Based on the current practice used by Rabbi Toba Spitzer of Congregation Dorshei Tzedek, with acknowledgement to Rabbi Brian Walt for his development of an earlier version.

Before the Reading of the Torah:

Parent of background or identity other than Judaism recites:

Blessed is the Source of Life, who has brought me into loving relationship with the Jewish people and the Torah. Blessed is the Source of Torah.

Jewish Parent recites the standard Hebrew blessing before the Torah reading.

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After the Reading of the Torah:

Jewish Parent recites the standard Hebrew blessing after the Torah reading.

Parent of background or identity other than Judaism recites:

Bless us as one, Source of Life, by the light of your Presence and Teaching.