

# *To The Family Of Samson Haim*

All births are different.

To have a child  
Extends your horizons, expands your world.

To have a child  
Is yourself to be transformed from youth to parent  
From descendant to ancestor  
From child to progenitor.

To have a child of a child  
Is yet another kind of birth  
It is to touch the corner of the future  
And to glimpse the fabric of an afterlife  
It is to hold in one's hand the fringes  
That bind yesteryear to immortality  
It is to sense what shall live after  
What is lasting ... What imperishable.

## ***Samson Haim . . .***

May he be a sustainer of an old-new people  
A bearer of an ancient-modern tradition  
May he bring joy, song and laughter into our lives  
and peace into a trembling world.

