

Brith Covenant On The Eighth Day

*E*ven on the Sabbath

Even during festival or fast

The covenant brith takes place on the eighth day

What is the Sabbath or Yom Tov or Yom Kippur

but a reminder of the constancy that entwines our life with God's.

On the eighth day our child is covenanted

Having lived through the Sabbath

No stranger to creation

No passive particle thrown into the world

Our child is partner

Co-worker, "shutaf," co-creator, co-sanctifier

Of the source of all being.

May our child grow with purpose

Ameliorate pain

Straighten the bent

Raise the fallen

Protect the innocent

Loosen the chains of the bound.

Through this infant

covenanted to a life of transformation

give thanks for the renewal of creation

Every day, every hour, every moment.

