

Ido Zvi Rubner. Speech for ברית (Summary)

נאום הברית של עידו צבי רובנר – י"ב באב תשפ"א

Family, friends and dear guests,

First Hedva and I want to thank you for honouring us by participating in our celebration. שהחיינו וקיימנו. והגיענו לזמן הזה – we are delighted to celebrate the fifth ברית in our family.

One would think that a fifth ברית is an event that we have become used to and are accustomed to it. But that is not the case – every time we feel like it is the first ברית with a lot of excitement.

It is an interesting experience to be expecting a son when there are already older children at home. Everyone has suggestions for names from the moment they know about the pregnancy to the very moment of the ברית. Everyone thinks that their name is the name that should be chosen and our cute [son] Amichai must be very disappointed that we did not call baby Malchiel even though he wanted that name [to be chosen] so much.

According to the Central Bureau of Statistics, Ido is a very popular name. In 2019 it was given to about 1,345 cute babies. The name Ido originates from the Bible. One is the grandfather of the prophet Zacharia and the other is a prophet in the days of the kings of Judah, Refaem and her father.

Ido is derived from the word עדי – meaning jewelry, something precious and special. Ido also means testimony. Ido reflects positivity - derived from the language of joy and cheerfulness. We really liked the tone of the name and its variety of meanings so we chose this name as a first name.

The second name chosen is Zvi – after my father's older brother Hershey Rubner. Hershey is a Yiddish name and Zvi [the Hebrew equivalent], is the deer, one of the symbols of the Land of Israel, the land of the deer. Zvi is also mentioned in the book of Isaiah in the Bible in the context of glory, beauty, majesty, glory and splendour.

Even when we are happy we will always remember the two people we are missing. My brother Moishe and my nephew Ahiad. We will always remember them and they will stay in our hearts forever. We will pass on their memory to Ido Zvi in the hope that he will walk in their path of the Torah, with respect and love of the fellow man.

The period is not easy in Israel and around the world - and this is the second celebration we have had this year under the coronavirus, after Netanel's Bar Mitzvah. We all hope and pray that it will pass soon and speedy recovery will return soon.

I want to end the speech with the blessing of a father to his son - dear Ido Zvi - now you have joined the people of Israel as a pure Jewish baby. You join your wonderful siblings and could not ask for better brothers and sisters than these.

יברכך ה' וישמרך
יאר ה' פניו אליך ויחונך
ישא ה' פניו אליך וישם לך שלום.

Our dear and beloved children – Netanel, Yishai, Eitan, Amichai, Naomi and Ido - continue to please us and just as we introduced you to the ברית, we will be able to raise you to Torah, the chuppa and good deeds together with the whole family. Up to one hundred and twenty years in good health.

Also thanking our dear parents on both sides, who constantly accompany us and help at all times out of great dedication and unconditional love - our gratitude and love to you always!

Congratulations and only on Simchas.