Franklin Velasquez
Blessing of Covenantal Welcome

Mishebeyrach Avoteynu... v'Imoteynu...
May the One who blessed our mothers & fathers before us
In the presence of this, his congregation,
In the presence of Torah, our sacred story--his story unfolding,
Bring blessing upon one who just two day ago marked his entry
into the Covenant of Abraham & Sarah....

As Franklin has been an intensely curious seeker,
a student of Torah in the truest sense,
a 6 year study leading him to attend our Chevra Torah weekly
So may Torah's teachings ever bring him sweetness...

As Franklin’s journey to Judaism have made him
such a welcome part of our temple-family,
So may he ever know that, for he and his entire family,
the door is ever open....

And, knowing Franklin’s journey was propelled by a desire to engage in
an ongoing quest for the Divine Presence,
So may his sacred glimpses of God along the way
be a source of spiritual inspiration for us all...

With gratitude for the blessing of welcoming such a sacred learner and
teacher in his own right to our people,
With thanks for his integrity of purpose & commitment of heart,
So may Your blessings, dear God ever be his,
Of health & wholeness---together with his Bridget & their kids
Thus may Franklin always know,
This sacred day of beginning...and every day,
he has truly come home...

AMEN...