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1. Outside Israel, the priestly blessing is recited only on holidays, as opposed to every Shabbos.



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2. G-d commands the Kohanim to bless the Jews. Why? Can't G-d bless us himself? Midrash and Sifri both strengthen the question.

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3. Going to a tzaddik for a blessing is accepted as evidenced by Yaakov's burying Rachel on the side of the road and Calev going to Chevron to pray.



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4. A Kohen doesn't need to be a tzaddik to give the blessings; doesn't even need to do teshuvah beforehand. Only through murder and immoral relations can a Kohen forfeit his right.



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5. Story: Alter Rebbe explained how a chassidische farbrengen can do more than Malach Michoel.



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6. Just as when selfish children share parents are willing to give them anything – when Jews display brotherly love G-d will grant any request.

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7. Thus the only condition for a Kohen is that he give the blessing out of love and joy which gives G-d pleasure so He'll fulfill the blessings.



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