

Akhsot.

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My Grandmother

This is how it happened that we say “akhsot” for my grandmother. They say that an old woman was expecting her first grandchild. She took care of her daughter-in-law and when the grandchild arrived, the old woman kissed the new grandchild. Now when she kisses her, she has to put her lips on her and that is why we say “akhsot” for my grandmother. Or for a man it is the same except we say “lakhsot” for my grandfather.

[Note - The Oneida word for ‘my grandmother’ sounds as if it contains the root for ‘lips’.]