

CALLING THE BAR/BAT MITZVAH TO THE TORAH

We often give the honor of calling up the Bar or Bat Mitzvah to a younger sibling or child, if you wish. The melody can be found on the Cantillation and Prayer CD.

In Hebrew, your name includes the names of your parents. For example, a boy might be called **Yaakov** ben (son of) **Avraham** v' (and) **Sarah**. A girl's name might be **Racheil** bat (daughter of) **Moshe** v' (and) **Rivkah**.

Here is how you call up a Bar Mitzvah...

A good trick if you can't remember the tune is to note that this melody is very similar to the Torah blessing!

Here is the text. You fill in the blanks with the names:

Ya-amod ha-ba-chur ha Bar Mitzvah (fill in his Hebrew name) *ben* (fill in your parents' Hebrew names)

I call up my brother (fill in his English name) to teach and chant from the Torah.

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This is how you call up a Bat Mitzvah...

Note that this melody is very similar to the Torah blessing!

Here is the text. You fill in the blanks.

Ta-amod ha-ba-churah ha Bat Mitzvah (fill in her Hebrew name) *bat* (fill in your parents' Hebrew names)

I call up my sister (fill in her English first name) to teach and chant from the Torah.