

A B'rit Bat Ritual, welcoming a daughter to the covenant of Abraham and the People Israel, based on the traditional blessing of raising a child to a life of Torah, (Jewish learning) Huppah (marriage beneath the wedding canopy) and Ma'asim Tovim. (good deeds).

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**The ceremonial naming and welcoming to the covenant
of the
daughter of
(Mother and Fathers Name)**

Born (Secular Date) (Hebrew Date)

**Saturday Shabbat (Name of Torah Portion) (Secular Date), (Hebrew
Date)**

(Congregational Address)

Rabbi or Leader-as parents and child who have been called to the Torah for an aliyah enter the sanctuary from outside of sanctuary.

ברוכה הבאה

Blessed be she who is about to enter our people's covenant

All respond

May you raise her to a life Torah, huppah and ma'asim Tovim.

and then sing

**אליהו הנביא אליהו התשבי
אליהו אליהו הגלעדי
במהרה בימנו יבא אלינו
עם משיח בן דוד עם משיח בן דוד**

Baby is wrapped in talit, placed on, or touched to the Torah, and kissed by both mother and father.

The Torah portion proceeds. Baby is then once again placed on the Torah and kissed by parents.

Father or Mother;

May our daughter, upon whom we bestow her covenant name today, live a life of study and dedication to Torah. May she learn what is right and what is wrong, what is true and what is false, what is kind and what is cruel and what God and her people Israel wants of her and of us. May the covenant name we give her today, radiate beauty wherever life's path leads her.

The baby girl is given her covenant name.

**אלהינו ואלהי אבותינו ואמותינו, קים את הילדה
הזאת לאביה ולאמה ויקרא שמה בישראל**

(Baby's Covenant name)

bat (Mother's Covenant name) ve (Father's Covenant name)

God of our mothers and fathers, Sustain this child. We declare her covenant name in Israel to be

_____ daughter of _____ and _____

As you (mother's name) and you (father's name) stood under the huppah and became husband and wife, thereby forging another link in the eternal history of our people Israel, so may you have the joy and privilege of bringing your daughter, (covenant name), to the huppah in health and strength. May you proudly witness the day when she, with her destined groom, will forge yet another link in our glorious future.

Mother or father:

Beyond raising our daughter to Torah, and escorting her to the huppah, our prayer is that we so live that by emulating our example and our teaching, her life will overflow with ma'asim tovim, the doing of Good Deeds.

Acting on her behalf, duly constituted under Jewish law as her agents, we have made a donation in our daughter's name to (whatever charity has been chosen) The acknowledgment of that donation (if available) reads:

(Child's covenant name followed by family name) has made a gift of eighteen dollars to (name of charitable organization). Let this be her first mitzvah, and may countless more light up the world around her.

May this little one (child's covenant name) daughter of (mother's covenant name) and (father's covenant name) grow big. As she has entered the covenant, so may she grow in Torah and ma'asim tovim and arrive at the huppah a proud daughter of Israel.

Congregational Representative says;

May the blessings of our rabbi and our people go with you always.

On behalf of (name and location of congregation}, duly assembled here this Shabbat- Parshat (name of Torah portion) in the year Five Thousand Seven Hundred and (insert Hebrew calendar year number), and the Jewish people wherever they may be gathered in the worship of our God, we welcome you (covenant name and family name) to a life of Jewish responsibility, commitment and joy.

Our history is your history.

Our destiny is your destiny.

May our dreams be your dreams.

כל ישראל ערבים זה בזה

We of the covenant are responsible for each other.

Together let us build the future of our people.

יברכך " וישמרך

יאר " פניו אליך ויחנך

וישם לך שלום ישא " פניו אליך

May God bless you and keep you

May God shine his face on you and favor you

**May God lift up his face toward you
and grant you Shalom**

All respond to each of above

כן יהי רצון

All recite.

ברוך אתה " אלהנו מלך העולם שהחיינו וקימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה

סימן טוב ומזל טוב