

Cheat Sheet for Hebrew Names

Everyone is known as the son of (ben) or daughter of (bat) their father. They could also be known as ben (or bat) father AND mother. Although our synagogue is egalitarian, the father's name is listed first. You are always the child of your father (first) and your mother (second). The only time when the father's name is not used is when the father is not Jewish.

So, if the son's name is Zev Tuviah and the parents are Tzipporah and Mordecai, then the child's name is:

Zev Tuviah ben Mordecai
OR
Zev Tuviah ben Mordecai v' Tzipporah

If the daughter's name is Devorah Rut, and the parents are Tzipporah and Mordecai, then the child's name is:

Devorah Rut bat Mordecai
OR
Devorah Rut bat Mordecai v' Tzipporah

If two people are being called for an aliyah, the man's name will be listed first

Mordechai ben Moshe v' Chaya v'Sarah bat David v'Bayla

UNLESS THE WOMAN IS THE KOHEN OR LEVI, in which case the woman is called first

Sarah bat David ha Kohen v'Bayla v'Mordechai ben Moshe v' Chaya;
OR
Sarah bat David ha Levi v'Bayla v'Mordechai ben Moshe v' Chaya;