

Congratulations! You are now ready to chant your first Torah portion.

The following text is found in **בְּמִדְבָּר**, the Book of Numbers, 34:24-28, in the weekly portion titled **מִסְעֵי**, *Masey*. You will notice that the text appears in two different ways—once with vowels and trope signs (“vocalized”) and once in the calligraphy of the Torah scroll itself, without any vowels or punctuation (“unvocalized”).

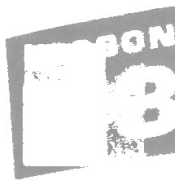
First take a look at the vocalized version and read the words. On the recording you will hear each verse chanted, first the tropes and then the words. Pretend that the last verse is the end of your *aliyah* and use the special melody you have just learned.

וּלְמִטָּה בְּנֵי־אֶפְרַיִם נְשִׂיא קִמּוּאֵל בֶּן־שִׁפְטָן: וּלְמִטָּה
 בְּנֵי־זְבוּלֹן נְשִׂיא אֵלִיצָפֹן בֶּן־פֶּרֶנָּךְ: וּלְמִטָּה בְּנֵי־יִשָּׁשְׁכָר
 נְשִׂיא פִלְטִיאֵל בֶּן־עֲזָן: וּלְמִטָּה בְּנֵי־אֲשֵׁר נְשִׂיא אַחִיהוּד
 בֶּן־שְׁלֹמִי: וּלְמִטָּה בְּנֵי־נַפְתָּלִי נְשִׂיא פְּדֵה־אֵל בֶּן־עַמִּיהוּד:

And the prince of the tribe of the sons of Ephraim, Kemuel the son of Shiphtan. And the prince of the tribe of the sons of Zebulun, Elizaphan the son of Parnach. And the prince of the tribe of the sons of Issachar, Paltiel the son of Azzan. And the prince of the tribe of the sons of Asher, Ahihud the son of Shelomi. And the prince of the tribe of the sons of Naphtali, Pedahel the son of Ammihud. (Num. 34:24-28)

Once you have mastered all the tropes and chanted the phrases, you will be ready to attempt to read (= chant!) the text without seeing vowels or trope signs, just as it appears in the Torah scroll. Good luck!

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