

# Bris Milah

# Checklist

## What to bring

- Filled-out list of honorees
- Kiddush cup & Red Wine
- Tallis for the Sandak, father and other honorees
- Candles (to be lit during the ceremony)
- Maamar (to be said at the festive meal)
- Bris pillow (can be provided by the Mohel)
- Head covering for the baby (some have the costume)
- Spices (Sephardic custom)
- 5 diapers & baby wipes
- Pacifier (recommended)

## Instructions

- Feed the Baby around 1 hour prior to the Bris
- Clean the Bris area from all residue or ointment
- Be at the location 15 minutes before the scheduled start
- Notify the honorees of their position in advance
- After-care products: Individually packed sterile gauze, Bacitracin, Vaseline (for your convenience, this will be provided by the Mohel)
- Its customary to give charity in honor of the Baby as a "down payment" for the Yeshivah



# Honorees

## List of

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| Kvatter & Kvatterin ..... |
| Throne of Eliyahu .....   |
| From the Throne .....     |
| Sandak .....              |
| From the Sandak .....     |
| Standing Sandak .....     |
| Blessing & Naming .....   |
| Rebbe's Letter .....      |
| Priestly Blessing .....   |

**Kvatter & Kvatterin:** A man and a woman, typically a couple. The Mother hands the Baby to the Kvatterin, who takes him to the Kvatter, that brings the baby to the Bris' location. (Pregnant women should not serve as Kvatterin)

**Throne of Eliyahu:** Places the Baby on the throne of Eliyahu the prophet.

**From the Throne:** Lifts the Baby from the throne of Eliyahu the prophet.

**Sandak:** Sits and holds the Baby on the lap for the Bris. This honor is of most importance.

**From the Sandak:** Lifts the Baby from the Sandak and hands him over to the Standing Sandak.

**Standing Sandak:** Holds the Baby while the blessings are read. This is second to the most important.

**Blessing & Naming:** Reads the Blessings of the Bris and names the baby.

**Rebbe's Letter:** Reads the Rebbe's letter for the occasion of the Bris, as customary among Chassidim.

**Priestly Blessing:** Some have the custom that a Cohen recites the Priestly Blessings at the Bris.