

Berit Mila Worksheet

This information helps us to plan your Berit Mila Ceremony.

Part I: Information I will need before the day of the Berit Mila

Baby's Details:

Name:

Hebrew Name:

Date of Birth:

Time:

Method Of Delivery: Vaginal or Caesarean

(This may be important for determining the proper date for the Berit Mila)

Other (e.g. premature, jaundice, other medical issues, adopted):

Parents' Details:

Mother's Name:

Mother's Hebrew Name:

Jewish?

Father's Name:

Father's Hebrew Name:

Jewish?

Part II: Things you will want to consider as the day approaches.

Do you want to light candles? Not a traditional part of a Berit Mila but many people choose to. When candles are lit it is usually either the traditional “two” or “one per family member”.

Who will be the K’vaterin, K’vater? This is the person who holds the baby during the ceremony before the circumcision is performed. This is considered a great honor.

Who will be the Sandek, Sandakit? This is the person who holds the baby for the circumcision. I do not use any other restraint. This is most commonly the Maternal Grandfather but can be anyone. This person must be Jewish. This is the greatest honor bestowed at a Berit Mila

For whom is the baby named? Naming for someone is traditionally more than just honoring that person. Children are believed to draw traits from the person for whom they are named. It is traditional to discuss which traits one hopes the child to draw from their namesake. You can say as much or as little as you want.

Are there others you wish to honor by giving parts in the ceremony? There are several English and Hebrew readings that you may assign as you wish. These may be given to family, friends, Jews and non-Jews. If you wish to add a reading/poem/song/etc. that is fine too, just let me know.