

Bris Outline

CANDLES ARE LIT

The baby is brought in and greeted by the guests and family:

ברוך הבא

The baby is greeted by the mohel:

ברוך הבא הנימול לשמונה

אמר הקדוש ברוך הוא לאברהם אבנו התהלך לפני והיה תמים

The baby is placed on the chair of Eliyahu Hanavi

The mohel says:

זה הכסא של אליהו הנביא זכור לטוב

לישועתך קויתי יה-וה

שבִּרְתִּי לישועתך יה-וה ומצוֹתֶיךָ עֲשִׂיתִי

אֵלֵיהוּ מֵלֶאךֶ הַבְּרִית הַנָּא שְׁלַךְ לִפְנֵיךָ עֲמוּד עַל יְמִינִי וְסָמְכֵנִי

שבִּרְתִּי לישועתך יה-וה

שֶׁשׁ אֲנֹכִי עַל אִמְרֹתֶיךָ כְּמוֹצֵא שְׁלָל רַב

שְׁלוֹם רַב לְאַהֲבֵי תוֹרָתֶיךָ וְאִין לְמוֹ מְכַשׁוּל

אֲשֶׁרִי תִבְחַר וּתִקְרַב יִשְׁכּוֹן חֲצֵרֶיךָ

נִשְׁבָּעָה בְּטוֹב בֵּיתֶיךָ קְדוֹשׁ הַיְקָלֶיךָ

This is the Throne of Elijah, The Prophet. Angel of the Covenant, stand by my right side and assist me as I perform this mitzvah. G-d, I await your deliverance. Great peace comes to those who love Your Torah. Happy is the one

whom You choose to draw near, to dwell in Your House and in the sanctity of Your Holy Temple.

Parents recite the following:

Adonai, G-d of our ancestors, we are proud and humbled to partner with you in the work of creation. May we be blessed with patience, wisdom and understanding as we nurture this new life. May we be privileged to see our son grow to adulthood and create a loving Jewish family of his own. We stand in the presence of friends and family, prepared to observe the mitzvah of Brit Milah which we fully accept with awe and sincerity. As it is written in our Torah, "Every male among you, throughout the generations, shall be circumcised when he is eight days old" (Genesis 17:12). We acknowledge that the responsibility of performing Brit Milah belongs to us, and we hereby authorize you, Dr. K, to perform this mitzvah on our behalf.

Just before performing the circumcision, the Mohel says:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ-הוֹה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ עַל הַמִּילָה

The father (or mother) says:

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אֲבִירָהּ אֲבִינוּ

Everyone says:

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The baby is held by the mother or Sandek #2

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בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ-הוֹה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַכְנִסוֹ בְּבְרִיתוֹ שֶׁל
וְחֹק בְּשָׂארוֹ שֶׁם וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַכְנִסוֹ בְּבְרִיתוֹ שֶׁל קִדְּשָׁנוּ עַל כֵּן בְּשִׁכְרָה זֹאת
אֵל חַי חַלְקֵינוּ צוּרֵנוּ

צוה להציל יְדִידוֹת שְׂאֲרֵנוּ מִשַּׁחַת

למען בְּרִיתוֹ אֲשֶׁר שָׁם בְּבִשְׂרֵנוּ

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה כּוֹרֵת הַבְּרִית

Praised are You G-d, Sovereign of the Universe, who has sanctified this beloved child, and decreed the sign of Your holy covenant for all generations. Please bless this child with good health by virtue of Your covenant, which is an integral part of our lives.

Praised are you G-d who has established this covenant.

Mother, Father and Sandek drink the wine.

NAMING CEREMONY

Now it is time to give the baby his name

אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאֲמוֹתֵינוּ קָיָם אֶת הַיְלֵד הַזֶּה לְאָבִיו וּלְאִמּוֹ

וַיִּקְרָא שְׁמוֹ בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל

_____ א ב

שְׂמֵחַ הָאֵב בְּיוֹצֵא חֲלָצִיו וְתִגַּל אִמּוֹ בְּפָרִי בִטְנָה

כְּפִתּוּב: יִשְׂמַח אָבִיךָ וְאִמְךָ וְתִגַּל יוֹלְדֶיךָ

וְנֹאמַר: וְאֶעְבֹּר עֲלֶיךָ וְאֶרְאֶךָ מִתְבוֹסֶסֶת בְּדַמֶיךָ

Drop of wine in the baby's mouth

וְאִמַּר לְךָ בְּדַמֶיךָ חַיִּי. וְאִמַּר לְךָ בְּדַמֶיךָ חַיִּי.

וְנֹאמַר: זָכַר לְעוֹלָם בְּרִיתוֹ דְּבַר צוּה לְאֵלֶּף דוֹר

אֲשֶׁר כָּרַת אֶת אַבְרָהָם וְשָׁבוּעָתוֹ לְיִשְׁחָק

וַיַּעֲמִידָהּ לְיַעֲקֹב לְחֹק לְיִשְׂרָאֵל בְּרִית עוֹלָם

וְנֹאמַר: וַיִּמַּל אֲבֹרְהָם אֶת יִצְחָק בְּנוֹ בֶן שְׁמוֹנֵת יָמִים כַּאֲשֶׁר צִוָּה אֱלֹהִים
הוֹדוּ לַיהוָה כִּי טוֹב כִּי לְעוֹלָם חֲסִדוֹ. הוֹדוּ לַיהוָה כִּי טוֹב כִּי לְעוֹלָם חֲסִדוֹ.

(זֶה הַקָּטָן גְּדוֹל יְהוָה hebrew name)

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וְנֹאמַר אָמֵן

G-d of our ancestors, sustain this child and allow him to thrive. Let his name be called among the People of Israel

son of _____ and _____

In English:

May his parents rejoice in the miracle of this new life. With love and wisdom, may they be privileged to teach him the meaning of the covenant which he has entered today. May they inspire him to seek truth and peace. Through their example, may his heart be open to the Torah. May G-d forever remember the covenant which was made with our ancestors Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah. May this child grow to become an active and contributing member of the Jewish Community. May he live a life of Jewish learning and mitzvot, a life which brings him to the chuppah with a loving and caring partner with whom he will create a Jewish home, and a life filled with acts of loving kindness. And let us all say, "Amen"

מִי שִׁבְרָה אֲבוֹתֵינוּ אֲבֹרְהָם, יִצְחָק, וְיַעֲקֹב

וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ שָׂרָה, רִבְקָה, רָחֵל, וְלֵאָה

הוּא יִבְרָךְ וְיַרְפָּא אֶת הַיֶּלֶד בֶּן הַיָּמִים

_____ בֶּן _____

וְיִשְׁלַח לוֹ וּלְאִמּוֹ

_____ בֵּת _____

רַפּוּאָה שְׁלֵמָה בְּעִבּוּר שְׂנַכְנַס לְבָרִית שֶׁל אֲבֹרְהָם אָבִינוּ

וְכַשֶּׁם שֶׁנִּכְנַס לְבְרִית כֵּן יִכְנַס לְתוֹרָה וּלְחֻפָּה וּלְמַעֲשִׂים טוֹבִים

וְנֹאמַר אָמֵן

G-d who blessed our ancestors Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Rachel and Leah, grant blessings of health and well being upon

(English name)

(Hebrew name)

And upon his mother

And upon his father

And upon his siblings

We pray that You will grant this family the strength and courage to withstand life's difficulties; may they be blessed with health, happiness and love. May it be Your will that these parents be privileged to witness (baby's name) enjoy the blessing of Torah, Chuppah and ma'asim tovim.

And let us all say, "Amen"

The priestly benediction from the Torah is still so powerful and resonant millenia later as we bless (name).

TALLIT WRAPPED AROUND THE FAMILY

יְבָרְכֶךָ יְהוָה וְיִשְׁמְרֶיךָ

יְאֵר יְהוָה פְּנֵי אֱלֹהֶיךָ וְחַנּוּךְ

יִשָּׂא יְהוָה פְּנֵי אֱלֹהֶיךָ וְיִשֶּׂם לְךָ שְׁלוֹם

May G-d bless you and keep you safe

May G-d's light shine upon you and may G-d be gracious to you

May G-d look upon you with favor and grant you peace