

The Brit Milah

Since the time of our Patriarch Abraham, Jews have observed circumcision as the sign of our covenant with G-d. More than any other ritual, *Brit Milah* (circumcision) is the ultimate affirmation of Jewish identity. Abraham was circumcised at the age of ninety-nine, indicating that every Jewish male, regardless of age, can and should observe this commandment.

According to *Kabbalah*, there are three parts to the soul. A man is born with one portion, at his *Brit* he receives a second part, and at his *Bar Mitzvah* he gains the final third. In addition to being enhanced by his *Neshamah* (soul), at his *Brit* he is also given his Hebrew name.

This Mitzvah, carved into one's very flesh, is the only Mitzvah that a man carries with him every moment of his life. Even during periods of persecution and great personal risk, wherever we dwell, we observe this Mitzvah, because it is a personal sign of G-d's sovereignty, and therefore essential for Jewish continuity.

Besides the medical benefits accrued by doing it on the eighth day, a *Brit* (or "Bris" in Ashkenazi pronunciation), should be performed as G-d commanded us, on the eighth day, by a proper observant *Mohel*.

"This is My covenant that you shall observe between Me and you and your children after you, to circumcise your every male"
(Genesis 17:1)

The Organization

Brit Yosef Yitzchak is an international non-profit organization dedicated to connecting Jews with their heritage by promoting and facilitating the *Mitzvah of Brit Milah* for Jewish males worldwide. Rabbi Yaron Amit founded the organization in Israel, with the guidance and blessing of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, in 1989 after many newly arrived immigrants began to inquire about a *Brit* for their sons and themselves. Since that time, Brit Yosef Yitzchak has arranged for more than 28,000 *Brit Milahs* in hundreds of cities around the world.

The *Talmud* teaches that if a father is remiss or unable to provide a *Brit* for his son, the responsibility to do so rests upon each member of the Jewish community. In that spirit, Brit Yosef Yitzchak provides complete *Brit Milah* services for any Jewish male, infant or older, regardless of the recipient's financial status.

You decide where the *Brit Milah* is performed and by whom. We offer an array of options ranging from a doctor's office to the comfort of your own home, or anywhere else you might choose. The *Brit* can also be done either by an expert *Mohel*, or a Doctor-*Mohel*. The whole procedure only takes seconds to complete.

In addition, we offer a comprehensive service that takes care of every detail, from preparation to follow-up. Not only do we make all the arrangements for the *Brit*, we also cover all expenses. We even ensure that the momentous and joyous occasion culminates with a traditional festive meal.



The Testimonials

I wanted to thank you for organizing and helping to finance Sean's *Brit*. At first I was worried, how could I ever cover all the expenses?

But you stepped in and took care of everything to the last penny.

Your kind help enabled my son to come closer to his Jewish heritage. I am so grateful to you, and wish to thank you again for all of your help.

Asya Jakobson

I would like to take this occasion to thank Rabbi Zalman Gansburg for everything you have done for me and my son, Michael. Having done the *Brit Milah*, we are both very happy that finally we complied with the *Mitzvah*. If it hadn't been for your insistence, patience, explanations, and kind guidance, this would never have taken place.

Francine Gabrieloff & Michael

We are the parents of Yair. We want to thank you for your help, your support, & the warm atmosphere that you provided us with.

Rachel & Daniel Shlomi

Thank you for allowing my son, Jaim Alexander, to have his *Brit Milah* and be a complete Jew, this way he can continue in the future to be a great Jew. He can now serve G-d better, as well as the Jewish community worldwide! I am forever grateful,

Dora Margarita Fabara

Thank you very much for performing the circumcision on my son, Alan. My wife and I are very grateful to you for coming all the way from Miami to Tampa on such short notice to perform the circumcision according to all Jewish traditions.

Alexander Kototkiy

