BRIT MILA SCHEDULING

BRIT MILA: WHICH DAY

BRIT MILA: EIGHTH DAY

Brit Mila: When Is Eighth Day

As long as the boy was born before sunset (even one minute before), this time period counts as the first day. Normally, the *brit mila* will be performed on the following week on that same day of the week (the baby's eighth day). If the baby was born between sunset and dark, consult a *rabbi* or *mohel*.

BRIT MILA: DELAYS

BRIT MILA: DELAYS: HEALTH

Brit Mila: Delays: Health: Doctor and Mohel

The *brit mila* may be done only if the baby is healthy by the opinions of both a doctor and a *mohel*. If either says not to do the *brit mila*, don't.

NOTE Even if the doctor says the baby is healthy, ask the *mohel* for his opinion since the *mohel* can still veto.

BRIT MILA: DELAYS: SHABBAT/JEWISH FESTIVALS

Brit Mila: Delays: Shabbat/Jewish Festivals: Special Births

SITUATION A baby boy is born by caesarean section. The eighth day after the birth is *Shabbat* or a *Jewish festival*.

WHAT TO DO The *brit mila* must be delayed to at least the next day following that *Shabbat* or *Jewish festival*. (If the *mohel* or doctor says the baby is not healthy enough for a *brit*, the *brit* must be delayed even more.)

BRIT MILA: DELAYS: CAESAREAN BIRTH

Brit Mila: Delays: Caesarean Birth

Do not delay a *Shabbat brit mila* until Sunday in order to prevent Jews who do not keep *Shabbat* from driving or otherwise desecrating *Shabbat* to attend the *brit*.

BRIT MILA: WHAT TIME

Brit Mila: Time of Day

The *brit mila* may be done anytime from sunrise to sunset, but the preferred time is in the morning.

NOTE *Brit mila* may only be done during the daytime.

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