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A Jewish mother's first-born male child must be “redeemed” by giving money to a *cohen* if the below criteria apply. *Pidyon ha'bein* is a *mitzva* for the father of the boy. Anyone may do the actual redemption (including a woman) as long as the father appoints him or her as his emissary to do so.

NOTE If the father has not done the *pidyon*, the boy redeems himself when he reaches 13 years old.