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There are three criteria for *Pidyon HaBein:*

1. First child born of a mother must be male.

   NOTE If a woman miscarries a fetus that has already developed limbs, any male child born after that is not considered a first-born male (*bechor*) and no *pidyon* is done.

2. Boy must not have been born by caesarean section.

   NOTE A boy who was born normally after his brother was born via caesarean section is NOT a *bechor*.

3. Mother may not be the daughter of a *cohen* or *levi* (priestly family or assistants) and the father may not be a *cohen* or *levi*.

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