

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.