

MOSHE CHAIM FRIEDMAN
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משה חיים פריעדמאן
מוהל מוסמך

THE HONORS EXPLAINED

- 1. Kvater and/or Kvaterin** - This is a couple - usually married - who bring the baby into the room where the *bris* will take place (It is customary that the woman *kvater* is not pregnant).
- 2. Kise shel Eliyahu** (The Seat of Elijah the Prophet) - An honored guest will take the baby from the *kvater* and place the baby on the Seat of Elijah, the prophet who attends every *bris*.
- 3. Min - HaKise** - This guest takes the baby from the Seat of Elijah and gives him to the *Sandak*.
- 4. Sandek** - This is the biggest honor. The *sandak* holds the baby during the actual circumcision. The *sandak* is usually the grandfather, great-grandfather, or some other very close relative.
- 5. Min - HaSandek** - After the circumcision is completed, this guest takes the baby from the *sandak* and presents him to the next honored guest.
- 6. Amidah L'Brachos** - This guest holds the baby during the recital of the *Brachos* and during the naming.
- 7. Brachos / Krias Shem** - Usually the officiating Rabbi or someone else well-versed in Hebrew recites the blessing over wine, the special blessing for the *bris* and the special naming prayer where your son's Hebrew name is declared.

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