

RABBI SHOLOM H ADLER

CERTIFIED MOHEL

HONOURS BESTOWED AT A BRIS

Honours	Functions
קוואטער קוואטערין	Kvatter (man) Carries the baby from kvatterin (woman) to bris area, and after the Bris back to the kvatterin .
חיקות	Cheikos (optional) Baby is passed from person to person, bringing him closer to the <i>Bris</i> area.
כסא של אליהו	Kisei Shel Eliyahu Places the baby on chair designated as the throne of Elijah the prophet. In some communities this is considered a great honour.
מהכסא	Mei'hakisei (optional) Takes baby from chair of Elijah and (gives him to father who) places him on <i>sandak's</i> lap. Commonly performed by the <i>Mohel</i>
אבי הבן ליד הסנדק	Father placed the baby on <i>Sandak's</i> lap.
סנדק	Sandak Holds the baby during the <i>Bris</i> . Highest honour at <i>Bris</i> .
מהסנדק	Mei'Hasandak (optional) Takes the baby from <i>sandak's</i> lap and gives him to the standing <i>sandak</i> . Commonly performed by the <i>Mohel</i> .
עמידה לברכות	Amida librachos Holds the baby while blessings are recited. Also referred to as <i>sandak sheini</i> (second <i>sandak</i>) or <i>sandak meumad</i> (standing <i>sandak</i>). Considered an important honour.
עמידה לקריאת השם	Amida Likriyas Hasheim Holds the baby while the baby is given his Hebrew name. Considered an important honour. <i>This is often combined with the honour above.</i>
אמירת הברכות	Amiras Habrochos Recites the blessings following the <i>Bris</i> . Traditionally given to the Rabbi or Mohel.
קריאת השם	Kriyas Hasheim Recites the prayer during which the baby is given his Hebrew name. Traditionally given to the Rabbi or Mohel. <i>This is often combined with the honour above.</i>