



Brit Milah (translated Covenant of Circumcision)

This is a religious ceremony in which the male child is brought into the covenant by means of circumcision with blessings and prayers. Then the boy is given a Hebrew name, linking him to his Jewish family and history. The ceremony is held on the eighth day and can be held at the synagogue or at your home.

Baby Naming: For a girl, there is a naming ceremony. The child is brought to the synagogue on Shabbat to be named by the Rabbi in front of the Ark during Shabbat Services. All of the same blessings and readings are done for the girl as for a boy, minus the blessing of the Milah. The child's name is announced with an explanation of who they were named after or what the significance is about their name. The Rabbi then will bless the child.

For more information, questions or concerns, or to schedule Rabbi Matt to perform a Bris or Baby Naming ceremony, please contact Rabbi Assistant, Michelle Warren at mwarren@cgoh.org or call 518-374-8173.

You also need to schedule a Mohel to perform the actual circumcision. Local Mohel we recommend is Dr. Efraim Bach at 518-382-2260.