

## Reform Mohelim of Greater Toronto

### Description

Berit milah is the ceremony in which a newborn Jewish baby boy is brought into the covenant through the ritual of circumcision on the eighth day of life. The circumcision is done by an individual called a mohel. The Reform Mohelim of Greater Toronto consists of a group of physicians who have been certified to perform berit milah by the Berit Milah Board of Reform Judaism. The mohelim practice independently, in collaboration with the Reform Rabbis of Greater Toronto. Although many of our families are members of Reform, Reconstructionist, or Conservative congregations, approximately half are unaffiliated Jews.

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## Frequently Asked Questions

*How should I arrange for a mohel?* You should call or email one of the mohelim on the list as soon as you know that the baby is healthy. You can also speak to one of the mohelim before the baby is born to discuss berit milah and have questions answered. Most of the congregations led by a Reform rabbi also have the list.

*How do I calculate the eighth day?* The day of birth is considered the first day, so the eighth day is the same day of the week, one week later. If the baby is born after sundown, the bris should be the day after that. The bris should be delayed if the baby has a significant health issue such as severe jaundice, prematurity, etc.

## Links

Berit Milah Program of Reform Judaism <http://beritmila.org/>