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## Honors bestowed at the Bris:

Please clearly write the names of those being honored the way you would like them to be announced.

### **Kvatter and Kvatterin** \_\_\_\_\_

Most commonly, a couple is honored with bringing the baby into the place of the Bris. The wife takes the baby from the mother and transfers the baby to her husband who then brings the baby to the bris room. They return the baby to the mother at the conclusion of the ceremony. Some have a custom to give this honor to a childless couple or one seeking to have additional children.

### **Kisei Shel Eliyahu** \_\_\_\_\_

The baby is received from the Kvatter and is placed on the throne of Eliyahu.

### **\*Min Hakisei** \_\_\_\_\_

The baby is taken from the throne of Eliyahu and is handed to the father.

### **Sandek** \_\_\_\_\_

The Sandek accepts the baby from the father and holds the baby during the bris. This is the greatest honor bestowed at the bris and is usually given to either a Rov, grandfather, or a close relative.

### **\*Min HaSandek** \_\_\_\_\_

Takes the baby after the circumcision and presents him to the next honored guest.

### **Amida L'Brachos** \_\_\_\_\_

An honored individual holds the baby during Brachos (blessings).

### **Brachos** \_\_\_\_\_

A distinguished individual, honored Rabbi, or the Mohel recites two brachos (Hagofen and Korais Habris).

### **Amida L'Kriyas Ha'sheim** \_\_\_\_\_

An honored individual holds the baby during the giving of his Jewish name.

### **Kriyas Ha'sheim** \_\_\_\_\_

A distinguished individual, honored Rabbi, or the Mohel recites the naming prayer.

## ----- Honors During Bentching -----

### **Mezamein** \_\_\_\_\_

At the conclusion of the seudah (festive meal), one of the men is honored to lead the bentching.

### **Harachaman (6 honorees)**

During the benching, six paragraphs which begin with harachaman are recited by different people.

\*Honors marked with an asterisk are optional.

**Note:** Brachos and Kriyas Ha'sheim can be done by one person.  
Similarly, Amida L'Brachos and Amida L'Kriyas Ha'Sheim can be done by one person.