

# IT'S A BOY!!

## Shalom Zachor

- Most people make their shalom zachor in their home, although some will make it in a local shul. If making it at home you may need to rent table and chairs or borrow from a [Gemach](#).
- For paper goods, food and drinks etc. There are services that will send you everything you need for your [shalom zachor](#). Or you can shop/order on your own and save some money.

Here is list of items you may need, mostly available in your local [grocery](#) store (Some of the listed items may be sent over):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chickpeas/Arbes                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Paper Goods - Plates (small), Cups, Napkins, tablecloths, shot glasses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cakes/Cookies                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Soda/Seltzer                                                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Candy/Chocolate/Nuts (or prepared platters)          | <input type="checkbox"/> Water                                                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forks/Knives/Spoons (depending on food being served) | <input type="checkbox"/> Ice                                                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Serving plates/bowls and spoons for kugel/cholent    | <input type="checkbox"/> Liquor – Schnapps/Beer                                                 |
|                                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> (Kugel/Cholent)                                                        |
|                                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> (Chicken Platters)                                                     |

➤ Make sure you have a beer cap opener or only buy twist off caps.

- ❖ Invitations: Hang up in Shul, yeshiva etc. and/or text friends and family and put up on your WhatsApp status.
- ❖ You can create free evites on [bpinvitations.com](#) or [esimchavites.com](#).

## Krias Shema/Vacht Nacht/Brit Yitzchok

This is very dependent on your community and or background... the basic concept is added shemira for the baby before the bris.

- Most people have young children come and say Shema (and Hamalach and some say hinei lo yanum three times as well) for the new baby after which they receive peckelach or some snack bags or nosh..
- Some communities have a mini seuda with prepared food (catered) and cakes/cookies.
- Some also have a minhag for the father to stay up all night (or at least until chatzos) learning Torah.

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## Bris

**Mohel** – Some Mohellim have fuller schedules than others. If you have a specific Mohel in mind, call the Mohel soon after the baby is born in order to ensure that he can do it for you.

**Seudas Bris** - Some caterers that cater Brissim will include a hall, others will just cater the Bris, find out which route you are going before booking a hall.

**Hall** – Often people will make their Bris in their local shul hall. Some Shul's don't have a hall or you may want something different.

**Bris Outfit /Pillow** – you can buy these or borrow from one of the many [Gemachs](#).

**Party planner** – for a more upscale event

- The Minhag is to send out a notification about the bris and not to “invite”. You can simply hang a sign in shul/post on Lakewood Daily/WhatsApp status/call/text/WhatsApp your family and friends the information or you can create free evites on [bpinvitations.com](#) or [esimchavites.com](#).

**Kibbudim List** (in order of generally accepted importance)

- Sandek
- Kvatter (offer in advance and allow for easy decline, especially if offering to a newly wed or couple without children.)
- Kisei Shel Eliyahu
- Brachos
- Krias HaShem (can be combined with brachos)
- Amidah L'brachos/ Sandek Meumad
- Amidah L'krias HaShem/ Sandek Meumad
- Min HaKisei (optional)
- Min HaSandek (optional)
- Zimun (leader) for Birchas Hamazon (after Seuda)
- Chayka (more Chassidish circles)
- Harachamans (5) at Birchas Hamazon (fourth should not be given to mohel)

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## Mohel List

This will be specific per mohel but here are some basics..

- Diapers
- Wipes
- Bottle
- Sugar water. (2 teaspoons of sugar in 2 ounces of water.)
- Burping cloths
- Pacifier
- Receiving Blanket
- Bacitracin
- A&D Ointment
- Gauze Pads
- Pillows
- Formula bottle for baby if want to feed after

## Other items to remember:

- Wine for bris
- Becher
- Speech and notes for speech
- Check/Cash to Pay the Mohel
- Candles/holders/candlesticks/matches – optional
- Schnapps and shot glasses – optional
- Wine for Seuda and Corkscrew – optional