

Be a Give-Your-Best Guest

If you're planning to attend a *brit milah* or *brit habat*, here are some suggestions:

- ✓ **Just show up.** Traditionally, people don't send invitations to a *brit milah* or *brit habat*. It's good practice just to go and join together with the community—the door's usually open.
- ✓ **Dress nicely.** T-shirts and jeans won't convey the feeling that you're part of a community welcoming a child into the Covenant. Also, it may be appropriate to wear a *kippah*.
- ✓ **Join in.** If you're asked to be part of the ceremony in some way, don't be shy—it's an honor.
- ✓ **Extend a welcome.** When the baby is brought into the room at a *brit habat*, everyone says *b'ruchah haba'ah!* At a *brit milah*, it's *baruch haba!*
- ✓ **Nice job!** Remember to say "mazal tov"—congratulations—to the proud parents.

