

# Introduction to Pidyon HaBein

A Jewish mother's first-born male child must be “redeemed” by giving money to a cohen if the below criteria apply. Pidyon ha'bein is a mitzva for the father of the boy. Anyone may do the actual redemption (including a woman) as long as the father appoints him or her as his emissary to do so.

**NOTE** If the father has not done the pidyon, the boy redeems himself when he reaches 13 years old.