BRIT MILAH
Judaism Practices

Rites of passage: Ceremonies that mark important transitional periods in a person's life, such as birth, puberty, marriage, having children, and death

Brit Milah: ceremony of male circumcision; the removal of the _____for religious reasons

What happens

In the Tanakh it says…

'You shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin, and that shall be assign of the **covenant** between Me and you".

In the Tanakh it says…

'Every male among you shall be circumcised at the age of _____ days.'

In the Tanakh it says…

"As for you, you **must keep** my _____, you and your descendants after you".

In the Tanakh it says…

"Any male among you who is uncircumcised shall be cut off from his people; he has

_____"

Jews believe God gave Abraham a **direct instruction** that they should circumcise all male children .

Orthodox and Reform interpret this as…. If they do not circumcise their children they will be excluded from the covenant and will not be able to receive God's promises.

Past Questions
Spec 1: Give two reasons why Jews celebrate Brit Milah. (2)
- a sign of the covenant God made with Abraham/part of an everlasting covenant
- A symbolic act showing the belonging to the faith
- A practised for more than 3000 years
- It is so important it is even allowed to be performed on the Sabbath or a holy day
- If not circumcised, cut off from the community
- A sign of respect towards the Jewish fathers
- Important family celebration etc.

Possible Questions
'The Brit Milah is the most important rite of passage.' (12)
Explain two contrasting Brit Milah customs. (4)
Explain how the practice of Brit Milah influences Jews today. (5)

How the belief in the Brit Milah **Influences** Jews today…
- **influences** Jews to uphold the covenant with _____
- **Influences** them to follow tradition and ensure their sons are

    _____
- **influences** Jews to believe the land is _____has been

    _____ to them through the covenant with Abraham
- **influences** Jews to believe that _____ will protect them
- **influences** Jews to believe that they are God's _____

    people are themselves are a _____