Pidyon haBen. How frequent is it?

Last week we explained the Mitzva of Pidyon haBen, and why the first born males have to be redeemed **from a Cohen**.
The Pidyon HaBen applies **only to males** (women were not bound to the service of the Tabernacle and Bet haMiqdash).
To be redeemed, the baby must be a ***bekhor***, **a natural-born-first-born-boy**, who "opened his mother's womb" (*peter rechem*).
Therefore, if his mother have previously **given birth to a baby girl**, the boy who is born after her is not considered a **first-born**.
If the mother had a **miscarriage** or an abortion, the first-born is not considered a bekhor. This is when the miscarriage occurred **after the third month of pregnancy.** However, if the miscarriage occurred during the first 40 days of pregnancy, redemption is required. If it occurred after forty days, but before the fetus developed **distinguishing physical characteristics**, redemption of the first-born is still required, but the ritual *berakha* said by the father is omitted.
The bekhor, has to **be born naturally** (*peter rechem*).
Therefore, if the first born is a boy, but he was **born via C-section**, he is not considered a naturally born *bekhor* and he is not redeemed.
Also, **if the father or the mother are Cohen** the Pidyon is not performed. And lastly, if the mother or father are **Levite**s (levy), the Pidyon is not done. Why? Because the Levites are still obliged to assist the Cohanim in Divine service, and**cannot be redeemed** from this religious obligation. Levites remain irredeemably to this day, **and are expected to report for duty as soon as B'H our Bet HaMiqdash will be rebuilt.**
All these conditions mean that Pidyon haben is rather the exception, not the rule. It happens in **approximately in 35% of all first time births**.
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