

Example #4

Everybody's life is full of good moments, memorable events, joy and sometimes sorrow. We share these times with our family and friends. In the Jewish religion, these are known as LIFE-CYCLES. Today we are here to celebrate your life-cycle of becoming a Bar Mitzvah. You have come a long way in growing up and still have a long way to go. Standing here before us - you are a child in our eyes - yet you are now a man in the eyes of our religion. This is a very hard transition - as we all know...in writing these words to you on your Bar Mitzvah day. Daddy and I thought about what wisdom we might impart to you to help in this transition in life and to guide you in growing up to be the best person that you can possibly be. As we stand here...

We wish for you a life where you see your world fulfilled, realizing that life does not remain constant.

We wish for you to learn and trust in generations past, present and those yet to be, for there is much knowledge to be learned through history and experience.

We wish for you the ability to use your intuition and insightfulness to make not only good decisions in life, but to use those traits to influence and help others in the most positive of ways.

We wish for you to be strong of character and honest to others and yourself.

We wish for you a life rich in things money can't buy - wisdom, friendship, happiness and peace.

We wish for you to fall in love someday and to create a future generation of Jews to carry on in our tradition, as we have carried it on from our ancestors.

We wish for you to know that we are very proud of you today and always and that we love you very much.