

## **PARENTS' PRAYER**

The common understanding of being a Bar/Bat Mitzvah in Jewish tradition is that you have now become a man/woman. You have become older and more mature, but entering Jewish adulthood is more than that. There are responsibilities. Following God's commandments is now your responsibility.

In meeting these challenges, we as your parents hope that we have given you the direction and strength to make the right choices, that you continue the tradition of your Jewish ancestors and find comfort in the spiritual teachings and moral commandments of the Torah as well as within this Synagogue.

We pray that you will:

Use the Teachings and Commandments of the Torah to build relationships that will last you a lifetime.

Understand that true joy does not come from what you accomplish for yourself nor is success a measure of your own accomplishments.

Rather, true joy is felt by what you do for the less fortunate, and the measure of success in life, and how you will be remembered, is determined by the way you treat others.

We only wish you continued success in the future. We pray that you achieve all your goals, maximize your potential and see all your dreams come true.

And remember, as a twist from tradition, and despite the common understanding that you are now a man/woman embarking on your own Jewish life, we will always be with you as partners in your journey ahead.

**MAZEL TOV,  
WE LOVE YOU!**