

## **Parents' Blessing of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah:**

*I would like to provide you, the parents, with an opportunity to bless your son or daughter and express the significance of the moment from your perspective. The first paragraph is a traditional blessing noting the new responsibilities that are now upon your child. You may add a second short original blessing that you can write together to give to your child.*

*You can either read the two paragraphs together OR I recommend that one of you reads one paragraph and one reads the other. We will practice this during the Run-through/Photo session before your simha!*

### **Traditional Prayer:**

\* Praised is God who has granted new responsibility to [name of child] and to us as his/her parents. As [name of child] begins to enjoy his/her new status among the Jewish people, may God grant us the wisdom to continue as his/her guides and counselors, allowing [name of child] to live in accordance with the teachings of our Torah as a responsible Jewish adult.

### **Then you can add a personal note:**

May you continue to be blessed with...

Our wish for you.....We hope you will continue to.....

You can note his/her special qualities and how you hope he/she will contribute to the Jewish community...Family traditions, how he/she is continuing an ancient practice linking the generations...

This is really up to you. **Remember it is a blessing and not a speech.**

You should keep it short, 2-3 sentences maximum. I am happy to help you with language and **I must review all blessings before the Bar/Bat Mitzvah.** Please send them to me at least a week before your simha!

Mazel Tov,

Rabbi Roston