MAID OF HONOR SPEECH

FOR

MARA ABRAMS

Hi everyone!! I can’t believe this day has finally arrived!!! It’s so great to see each one of you here to witness and celebrate Faren and Jimmy’s wedding. I also want to welcome all of you that have traveled here to share this great day for our family, and whether you’re friends or work acquaintances, school buddies or neighbors, today we’re all **related** in sharing one overwhelming and common bond, and that is joy for our “lovebirds” (**or use whatever cute term you might think is more natural for you**). I also want to welcome and congratulate Jimmy’s family (**name his parents and any brothers and or sisters**), \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Wow!!! Not only do we get to attend this great party, I also get a whole new extended family!! And a brother!! Although in many ways Faren is still my “little sister,” I’m sure that today all of you will agree that my “**little sis**” has grown up…. and what a revelation it is to see this gorgeous, stylish, hip and trendy vision giving us “**total bridal realness**!!” (**Turn to your sister and say**) you are a living breathing testimony to all of the hard work you’ve done in the past…. from your **determined** power shopping to tireless trend research to **Olympian** skills at putting yourself together, I bet every female in this room is inspired to either get married or renew their vows just to be able to have you possibly help and work your magic… you are truly your own best endorsement! I once saw a tee shirt with a simple slogan that I believe is really your truth in life. It said, “Each morning I wake up and I thank G-d for my ability to accessorize”… and there you have it!!! (**Wait for the laugh**) And of course, nothing says “best accessory” like a gorgeous and wonderful husband…. and I know that on any other day, the two of you really **complement** each other, but today? Those **COMPLIMENTS** must be flowing like crazy! You’re both fabulous!! Jimmy, I’m sure you’re really proud of all of Faren’s talents but be afraid… be very, **VERY** afraid…. she’s just beginning… and I know that the two of you have been together long enough for you to know how determined she can be… You thought this wedding took military-like precision planning??? This was only **PRACTICE** for when she fixes up the new house from top to bottom!!! I hope there was a really comprehensive tool kit on one of those bridal registries for you!!! Get ready to roll up your sleeves! (**Say that with enthusiasm and wait for the laugh**).

Heidi Klum once said, “I was the little sister that was annoying.” **DUH**. I **BET** it would have been **REALLY** annoying to have Heidi Klum as a sister!! (**Wait for the laugh and turn to your sister**) But Faren, I had you!! Although when we were younger, we weren’t that close, as we’ve grown up, I’m so happy that one of my best **(? Do you feel that? Would you prefer to say one of my closest friends?**) friends shares my DNA. And whether we were super close or not, I remember how my friends and I always got such a kick out of your joyful interpretive dancing … on top of my dressers, might I add (**If you think it’s appropriate say… “Sorry, Mom!”**) to Alanis Morrisette… and that’s **NO** **small** accomplishment… I mean think of it… I just said “joyful” and “Alanis Morrisette” in the same sentence? Have you ever bothered to read some of her lyrics? That girl has **GOT** to lighten up!! (**Wait for the laugh**) But Faren, it’s a sign of your incredible spirit that you could even find fun in that, and my friends and I really appreciated the show.

(**If you want to propose a toast, you can say, “I would like to invite all of you to raise your glasses as I propose a toast.” If not, then just read the next part**)

(**To**) Faren and Jimmy, here’s to a **stylish** lifetime of health, happiness, prosperity, humor, and many, **MANY** years of family and togetherness. We love you! Congratulations!! (**Do you want to say “Mazel Tov? If so, add that here)**