**BAT MITZVAH SPEECH**

**FOR**

**ED KHALMEIZER**

**SAMPLE**

Hello everyone and thank you for joining us on this very special occasion. We are here to celebrate a very important rite of passage in the life of a young woman. Our daughter Abbie (**Abigail? Which do you prefer?**) is taking her place in the legacy of her Jewish heritage. We, as her parents have waited a lifetime for this moment, and it is really remarkable… almost as remarkable as the Bat Mitzvah girl herself. I don't know how we got so lucky… what a girl she is… Abbie is so engaged in life… she's polite, warm, always loving…. Just ask her brother Gregory… (**Wait for the laugh**) . Better yet, she might get a more favorable review from Luke, her faithful four legged sidekick… She completely adores and admires her older sister Jane. Abbie’s interests are so varied and somehow she manages to learn from everything. She's a great swimmer, a better friend, and has a passion for reading… especially science fiction…. Abbie, come to think of it, standing here, admiring your skill at reciting your portion of the Haftorah, seeing how beautiful and grown up you look… I feel like I'm in my own personal sci-fi thriller…. You know… like HG Wells “The Time Machine,” only with a DJ and glow sticks… (**Wait for the laugh**)…. Abbie, someday you’ll understand, but today, as I admire your maturity, I wonder, “Where did the time go?”

(**This is just an example of what the actual speech(es) would be and we can figure out if you want to use this at the temple or the party… then we can flesh out the rest… thanks, Helene)**