**WEDDING SHOWER SPEECH**

**FOR**

**MELANIE RUBIN**

Hello everyone!!! I want to thank all of you for being here as we celebrate Jessie on this beautiful day. I know I speak for my daughter as I express our gratitude to all of you for sharing this incredible time.... even though she can probably express herself more eloquently, more adorably and more thoroughly than I might ever be able to... but then again, Jessie... **sweetheart**... (**or use the term of endearment you usually use to her**) **guess** where you got **that** from?!?! (**Wait for the laugh**). I want to express an extra special welcome to my mom, Jessie’s Grandma Natalie, and my sister, Aunt Dan, and Cameron for flying in to join us today.

Jessie, I really wanted to keep intro this “**short and sweet**,” but we have an issue.... apparently you are **so** loved... by all of us, and your incredible attitude and spirit, along with your love of life, and your **GREAT** love of Jake, make it difficult to do that... it’s not possible to abbreviate or edit... so here goes... you may be “**sheddin for the weddin**,” but I’m bringing some “**Mom power to the shower!**”

Jessie... you’re the light of my life... okay... (**If Noah is present, we can adjust these words**) if this gets back to Noah, tell him I said you’re the **FEMALE** light of my life... (**Wait for the laugh**) and I thank G-d every single day for the two greatest blessings any woman might ever wish for. I cannot think of **ANYONE** who deserves the joy and happiness (knock on wood) that you have found with Jake. ... I **KNEW** that Birthright trip was a good idea!!! (**Wait for the laugh**). You’ve **REALLY** met your match... in the best and sweetest ways possible and I am so happy to soon welcome Jake as my son (**If you want to make a joke you can say with a little gesture**)... especially with Noah’s travel schedule (**and wait for the laugh**). To Ellen, Jake’s mother, I am so happy that we will soon share an extended family and that Jessie has you and Ken in her life....

To Marisa, you know you’re like family to us... okay... maybe with less tennis lessons (**... please tell me she didn’t take tennis lessons also... and Wait for the laugh**)... to Robyn.... can we even **SAY** Jessie’s name without immediately envisioning the two of you living it up, laughing it up, and loving life together? And Emily.... the **VETERAN** married lady, and of course Mollie... I doubt we could have dreamt of a more beautiful, fun, loving wedding party...

Jessie, take a look around you. If the saying is true, that we are part of all the we have met, you are the joyous part in each one of us. Today we’re celebrating a tradition and in a way, while maybe not being a full fledged birthright, it’s a beautiful rite of passage as we “shower” you with love and treasures for your new life with Jake. You are my hero... your wit... your endless smile... your love of life in spite of, and maybe even because of, the curveballs of life that you’ve handled with such finesse, all make me the proudest mother in the world. I count my blessings every day... today, I’ll say them out loud... Mazel Tov Jessie... may you and Jake know only love, health, happiness and respect..