**WEDDING SPEECH**

**FOR**

**MELANIE RUBIN**

Hello everyone!!! For those of you that may not know, I am Melanie, Jessie’s very proud, emotional, and joyful mother, and on behalf of Jake’s parents, Ellen and Ken, the three of us want to welcome all of you and to share our joy. Tonight really is about a celebration of love, commitment, marriage and family... tonight we all share and breathe in the heady atmosphere that only a “room full of love” can yield, and that’s what we have right here... it’s about the love we all have for each other, the love Jessie and Jake so generously share with us, the love that Noah has for his sister and his new brother.... and just as an aside, if anyone knows about **LOVE**, it’s Noah... but he’s left that **OTHER** kind on the courts... **at least** for tonight (**Wait for the laugh**). To Ellen and Ken, I’m thrilled that we’re finally (**Do you want to throw in any Yiddish?**) **MISPOCHA** (**If not just say “family”)** and I look forward to many loving family moments that we will all share.

Oh. And there’s another kind of undeniable, intoxicating, pervasive and all consuming love that, if I don’t mention, I might be considered remiss... and that is the love that Noah and Jake share... for **FIFA**... (**Wait for the laugh**). What a sight that is to behold... Jessie may be gaining a loving husband tonight, but Noah? He’s gained a fellow **obsessive** X-Box marathoner.... I’ve never seen the two of them happier... (**Wait for the laugh**). I want to thank both of you for exercising exquisite restraint.... at least for tonight...

There’s something else in this room full of love... and it’s the overwhelming joy I feel when I see that my children are happy... and I make sure I document as many moments as I possibly can... I mean... show of hands... how many of you finally finished **ooohing** and **aaaahing** over the **TWO MILLION** photos I posted of Jessie’s bridal shower? And that was **JUST** the **SHOWER**?!?!? If Facebook hasn’t **COMPLETELY** broken yet, It **WILL** by the time I upload all of **THESE** pictures and memories!!! (**Wait for the laugh**).

What can I say... After the vows are sealed... once it’s all been said... as Noah and Jake try to sneak out for a few hours of **FIFA**... (**Wait for the laugh**)... life is good... love is sweet... family is **EVERYTHING**....and **ALL** of this emotion and celebration is thanks to the love that Jessie and Jake inspire in each other and in us. Jake, I want to thank you for loving my daughter as you do... I want to thank you for being part of our family... i see Jessie’s growth and the dynamic between my children has grown stronger thanks to your presence. I want to thank you for who you are and all you bring to the table, the party, and our lives.

(**Do you want to propose a toast? How would it be if you invite Ken to do the honors? If so, we can adjust**) Ladies and gentlemen, once again, on behalf of Ellen and Ken, we invite you to raise a glass as we propose a toast:

To Jessie and Jake... here’s to a life filled with love and art, family and friends, health and happiness, and a conversation that never ends. Congratulations! We love you !!