



Dad,

I am the happiest person in the room today. I get to watch my son become Bar Mitzvah and I get to Honor my father on this, your second time around. You have, according to the Psalms, made it to "a ripe old age of three score and ten+13, reaching the traditional age where a man may have a second Bar Mitzvah. A second Bar Mitzvah is not a matter of renewing your commitment to Judaism, as you have always been committed to Judaism. Rather, this is an opportunity to celebrate again the commitment you made 70 years ago. Debi and I are so glad you chose to share your celebration with Noah. We can't think of a better or clearer example, for Noah to see how every generation pass's on the to-rah to the next.

This is also a chance for Alan and I do BIG MIZVAH #4, to Honor our father. You showed us how to be honest, caring and righteous. You showed us what it means to be a man, father and Husband. Now its our time to try and live up to the example you have set. Thank you for setting such a good example for us to follow. We love you and are proud to have you as our father.

(Sam Mishael read to his father from the bima at Brith Shalom on occasion of the B'nai Mitzvah of Noah and Moshe Mishael. June 25, 2006)