

**Candle Lighting
Ceremony**

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***Bar Mitzvah
of***

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Candle 1

**Our family's lifeline of vivid memories
Could be woven into stories, like beautiful tapestries**

**A remembrance candle is where we begin
It will shine for Nana Karen...
Papa Victor and Grandma Lynn**

**Our mother's mom was Nana Karen
And with endless love, she was always sharin'**

**Nana had a passion -- she loved to travel
And brought us gifts that were relevant!
Like, from Paris, fabulous clothing!
Or from Africa, a carved wooden elephant!**

**We loved taking turns sleeping over
'Cause they spoiled us kids something awful!
Lots of desserts! And McDonald's!
At our house that's strictly unlawful!!!**

**Papa Victor, a surgeon, was stationed in London
And saved lives in World War II
He lived in a time when doctors made house calls!
Today, those patients all would turn blue!!**

**Nana Lynn was incredibly smart and funny
And for charities, she helped raise tons of money!**

**These stories will live on and on
And as we've now begun...
I'll commemorate their lives
By lighting Candle Number One**

Candle 2

**Okay! Soon you'll be meeting Papa
He's my mom's favorite dad
And one of the finest grandpas
That this kid ever had!**

**He's smart -- I really mean it!
He's off the charts, you see
'Cause in Electrical Engineering
Papa has a Ph.D!!**

**He comes up to visit from San Jose
At the minimum -- once a week
Walks in with his tool kit, able and fit
To fix anything -- new or antique!**

**He's so passionate about his talent
That at Santa Clara U.
He's a Professor of Engineering
With a unique perspective and view!**

**He's a technological wizard
And has several patents to prove it!
Whatever obstacle comes in his path
He'll find a way to remove it!**

**He calls every day, stays for the week-end
And shleps us home from Sunday school
But right now, Papa will light Candle Two
And he won't need to search for a tool!!**

CANDLE 3

More candles await their own special shine
Right now, more family starts comin' down the line

Auntie Beryl and Uncle Johnny, they're really quite a pair
Try checking out Los Gatos -- you'll find them living there

Uncle Johnny's quite amazing -- he's a big shot down at Google
And, frankly, he'll eat anything from hamburgers to koogle!

What else might just be said about him? He could be a "killah!"
By that, I mean he digs impersonating a gorilla!

Now about Auntie Beryl! True to form, she loves to shop
But when mom and she play Scrabble, they both can never stop!

She dreams of seeing Oprah's show in person, be assured
And -- until she really gets there, her passion won't be cured!

My cousin, Joshua, now thirteen
Was actually born on Halloween!

We're the closest of cousins
THAT is for sure
And we'd both agree
It's what we'll always prefer!

Cousin Hannah is nine years old
And her favorite sport is soccer
She's even into basketball --
I wouldn't try to block her!

But tonight the action's up here with me
As they all come forward to light Candle Three!

CANDLE 4

**Okay! Time to shift gears to my dad's side, pronto --
With Uncle Mark and Aunt Lori from -- where else? -- Toronto!**

**Uncle Mark's versatility is his middle name
Any job! Anywhere!! Any time...is his game!**

**He's dad's oldest bro -- and, again, it must be stated
His resume could well be -- the longest ever created!**

**He's put together kids' shows! Sold water, he admits!
Plus suits! Cars! And records! Uh, remember "24 Greatest Hits?"**

**As a couple, they're really a perfect mix
And with five kids between 'em -- everything clicks!**

**Prepare to meet Cousin Daniel! He's tall! He's blonde and single!
He's been on a TV dating show! Ladies, later on, you can mingle!**

**Next is Cousin Anthony, whose life is never borin'!
'Cause he just became a lawyer -- and he's newly wed to Lauren!!**

**Now the Double Whammy: Jonathan and Alexander
They're big on ice hockey...fanatics like Master and Commander!**

**The youngest is Sweet Arthur! He's oh, oh, so sweet
And definitely the charmer you'll all want to meet!**

From Winnipeg --

**You'll greet Auntie Barbara & Uncle Raymond very soon
Rarely in town, they "hang out" at their condo in Cancun!**

**They own another condo down in Florida, so it's clear...
I should feel very lucky that they even showed up here!
Wherever they go, from here to there, to Florida or Cancun
They'll have to get home quickly --
They'll be grandparents again very soon!**

**P.S. Check your kitchen cabinets or boxes in the attic --
Uncle Raymond owned the company with the rights to
Veg-e-matic!**

**Their daughter, Sari, is a doctor --
An OB-GYN like very few
She's family oriented and loves us kids
"Hey, Sari -- will you take us to the zoo??"**

**Brother Michael, a Stanford grad, has big plans for Tinseltown --
He signed with Creative Artists
To become an agent of great renown!**

**Well, siblings will be siblings
But seein's not always believin'
Dad's closest bro is one big guy --
That's my Uncle Stephen!**

**My dad and he shared a room growing up
And they fought all over the place!
But, hey, the fact is -- he is dad's best friend
Except when he says: "Oi!! What a face!!!"**

**His wife, Aunt Corky, no doubt from birth
Has always, always been down to earth!
Oh, and her educational path...made her a teacher of math!**

**Lana's their daughter -- she studies at the U of M
She might also become an M.D.!
But when the gang gets together in Winnipeg
Kelekis is where WE ALL HAVE TO BE!!!**

**Now representing our Family Greats:
Uncle Morley! Auntie Verne! Aunt Margie! Uncle Max!
Everyone, gather here to light Candle Four
And through the rest of the show, you'll get to relax!**

CANDLE NUMBER 5

**Have you ever heard of someone having
"COUSINS BY THE DOZEN?"
Well...that someone is me!
And to introduce them to you now
Makes me proud as proud can be!
But kindly stay seated 'till the roll call is completed!**

**From Minneapolis:
COUSINS JIMMY, BARRY AND BRUCE!
(fanfare!)**

**From Davies, Florida:
COUSINS STUART & SUSAN!
(fanfare!)**

**From Blue Point, New York:
COUSIN SARAH, daughter of COUSINS ARNIE and KATHY
(fanfare!)**

**From L.A. :
MICHAEL AND SIGRID, with their children
COUSINS DANA AND DREW
and COUSIN BOB
(fanfare!)**

**And last, but never least: The Locals!!
COUSINS ANDREA & BRENT!
(fanfare!)
COUSIN SANDY
(fanfare!)**

**You've all heard the roll call, name by name
Now, please come forward and light Candle Five's flame**

CANDLE 6

My version of "FRIENDS" is not on TV
The ones I like best are those who are close to me --
So when you hear your name -- just sit, wait and grin
'Cause another roll call is about to begin!
The list is backwards, alphabet wise
So the end will be "A's" -- that's no surprise (fanfare!)

Two Troys, Tory, Tommy, Therese and Steven
Are but a few of the many friends I believe in (drum roll!)

Stephanie, Sophie, Spencer, Rosie, Rhea
Will I get through this? I have no idea! (drum roll!)

Nicole, Nathaniel, Two Michaels, Maxwell
If you need a copy, this list might fax well! (drum roll!)

Marisa, Marshall, Laura, Kristan
Too late to stop -- the names keep twistin' (drum roll!)

Kian, Kelly, and, of course, two Jordans
I need a rhyme -- anybody named Gordon?? (drum roll!)

Joey, Jared and Jake
When this is finished, we all get cake! (drum roll!)

Jack, Joshua and Ethan
We'll need that cake to sink our teeth in! (drum roll!)

Elisabeth, Devin, and two Danielles
Stay with me now, you've all been swell (drum roll!)

Colin, Christopher, two Bens, Anne --
Plus Alex and Andrews Two
Be very, very grateful that at last I'm almost through!

There will be no quiz! You ALL get an "A!"
Ready for Candle Six? Come on up my way! (music!)

Candle 7

**You've seen my friends -- we're brilliant!
But how did we get so smart?
Good genes and wonderful teachers! Let's meet 'em!
Time to start...**

**Mr. Nigel teaches Grades Five and Seven
And he wants us to be there promptly at eleven!**

**Moving right along, you will also meet Ms. Kiel
In our Ragazzi Boys Chorus, she teaches technique with style!**

**Ms. Townsend could also tell a tale or two
Was Fifth Grade a riot? Or just a zoo?**

**My Seventh Grade math teacher, Mr. Kittridge
Has attempted to keep me from squawkin'
But tonight is truly a turnaround
'Cause I'm the one who's talkin'!**

Okay, listen up!

**All of you have survived a lot
I give you straight "A's" -- you can pass!
And when you file forward to light Candle Seven
You'll each be...**

The Head of the Class!!!

Candle 8

**Two groups of friends will next be recruited
That clearly, have always been perfectly suited!**

**One is our Havorah --
The other, our PTS friends
And just like lattes at Starbucks
You could say we are two tasteful blends!**

**Havorah means "Friends who worship together"
This and much, much more
We become each other's family
The minute we walk through the door**

**In a word, "exceptional" describes them
They can make our spirits climb
For they're always right there when you need them
With nurturing that stands the test of time**

**This incredible combo of Havorah
With PTS parents and kids
Guarantees when we're together --
THAT WE ALL JUST FLIP OUR LIDS!!!**

**There is no doubt we've a closeness that makes us feel great
Like, right now, as you come up to light Candle Eight!!**

CANDLE 9

**Friends are a lot like jewels
They're a comfort...they're grand...they glow
Year to year, they are found from far and near
Just about everywhere we go!**

**To relieve any possible anxiety --
Here's a list to prove your variety! (drum roll!)**

**College and Law School Friends! (fanfare!)
Colleagues! (fanfare!)
Neighbors! (fanfare!)
Parents of my friends, old and dear! (fanfare!)
Those of you from South School! (fanfare!)
Friends met on trips! (fanfare!)
THE ENTIRE GREATERCOMMUNITY! (big fanfare!)**

**And...stretching out f-a-r-t-h-e-r...
(drum roll)**

**We are thrilled beyond words
To have friends from Australia
We've Jonathan, Billie and Sophie to regale ya!**

**So, folks, here it comes! The bottom line --
Step right on up to light Candle Nine!**

CANDLE 10

**Nine Candles have honored a lot of great folks
But my thanks go to all of you seated
Right now -- change of pace! -- I'm sure you guessed it!
My siblings and parents will be greeted**

**Noah can't wait! You'll meet him first
He's a six year old kid with style
Intrigued by objects and holding small things
You could say he's very tactile!**

**He's especially taken by small polished rocks
Which he pockets to keep 'em quite handy
He'll hold 'em while eating or watching TV
To Noah, each one is a dandy!**

**He's the baby of our family
Won't sleep alone at night
With his funny faces and big belly laugh
Truly, Noah is our family's delight!**

Well...

**Noah, you've graduated from Kindergarten
And your next big thing happens now
So please come forward to light Candle 10
And take your well deserved bow!**

CANDLE 11

**My brother, Michael, is next in line
And the next to become a Bar Mitzvah!
Hey! You'll be standing up here three years from now
So, what else can I say that fits ya?**

Well, folks...

**His mind is scientific
He digs science! He's an inventor!
And if you're wishin' to be a magician
Michael could be your mentor!
But --**

**Make no mistake about it!
He's ver-r-y into sports,
Like basketball and soccer!
You can even find him on tennis courts!**

**There are times when Michael's really a bother
He can sure turn into a pest
Sometimes he tattles, but as brothers go
He's really one of the best!**

In fact --

**Just like dad and Uncle Stephen
We're close in age! We fight!
But I'm proud to have him light Candle Eleven
It's gonna be a beautiful sight!**

CANDLE NUMBER 12

**Having THREE younger brothers can be quite an ordeal
To survive us, Lauren became a Big Wheel!**

**She sixteen and smart -- a high achiever
When she gives me advice, I listen -- and believe her!**

But...

**Being naturally bossy, she can seem almost invincible!
No wonder, in FOOTLOOSE, she got the role of Principal!!**

**Lauren also sings with the Peninsula Girls Chorus
Hey! With all these talents, she'll never really bore us!**

Plus --

**She loves to dance, so it's pretty safe bet
You can call my sister a "Triple Threat"**

But wait! Lest we forget --

**Shopping -- for her -- has become a life force
Make up! Fashion!! She's a pro, of course!
She hangs out at Urban Outfitters or Anthropology
But she'll drool when H&M moves out here from NYC!**

Folks --

**There are too many topics into which I could delve
So, right now...I'll say
"Lauren, come light Candle Twelve!"**

Candle 13

**Our mom excels at so many things
You could call her a force of nature**

**Any other attempt to describe her
Would require a whole new nomenclature!**

For example...

**With an instinct and passion for interior design
She'll take on a project and make it a shrine!**

**She is proud to have served as an elected official
Where her legal skills can be most beneficial!**

**Involved with AIPAC, she works to increase
Israel's hope for a long lasting peace**

However...

**In our house, peace is another story
I won't go into it 'cause it might get gory!**

**But please allow me to get this point across:
At all times our mom is strictly the boss!**

**Oh, one more thing I don't want to forget --
She helps us with homework! Are we grateful?**

YOU BET!!

O-K-A-Y !!

**Let me now move on to Mom's other half
You can always count on our dad for a laugh!**

**Of course, you could say (in the literal version)
He's a genuine "cut-up" because -- he's a surgeon!**

**When we were little, he was known for the game
"Acrobats and Airchair" -- it brought him fame!**

**Dad's crazy for cars! And he's a gadget kinda guy
Computers and laptops make him high!**

**When he picks up a camera and fits in a lens
Be prepared! The picture taking never, never, never ends!**

**He tends to get lost wherever he goes!
He's genetically predisposed!
Like Papa Victor, where he'll end up --
NOBODY EVER KNOWS!!**

**He collects chefs' aprons! He's a cook and a baker:
Banana bread! Chocolate chip cookies! And matzo brie maker!**

**Does he ever get mad at us kids? And how!
He's famous for saying, "I'M TELLING YOU NOW...!"**

**But, hey! It's MY turn to say those words
'Cause Mom and Dad soon will be seen --
Ready?**

**"I'M TELLING YOU NOW...TO COME FORWARD
AND BRING TO LIFE CANDLE 13!"**

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