

Bellamy, in just under 13 years you've travelled a special path with The New Shul. You were the first baby born into The New Shul and your baby naming was its first. That makes you The New Shul's only lifetime member to become a bat mitzvah.

While this day is all about you, it's also all about the people in this room, your family and your friends. Before we arrived here this morning this room was empty, it was just a room. In an hour this room will be empty, it will again be just a room. But right now this room is magical. We're all here to celebrate as you become a bat mitzvah, and to reflect on what that means to each of us. This gathering of these people for this purpose will never be repeated, it's unique to this very moment in time and space.

So I want to make a wish, I wish for you to bask in this moment. I want you to remember this day. I wish that years from now you will reflect on your bat mitzvah, and I hope that thinking back on this day will make you happy.

Moments like this are few in life. This achievement is truly yours. Yes, you had help along the way, but you made this happen. So just take a moment to soak this all in, look out at the people in this room and see how happy they are for you.

Try not to get too lost in everything that's going on around you. Take a moment right now to look around, look at your friends and look at your family. Give them a smile; give them a wave. Now watch them for a moment while they smile and wave back at you. You've spent years preparing for this moment, now it's time to enjoy it.