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Adams Bar Mitzvah June 23 - 2000

Shavua Tov to all Guests, Friends and Relatives.

My lovely wife and I are thankful to G-d that we are here tonight, to celebrate the Bar-Mitzvah of our lovely grandson Shomo Eliezer and that we lived to see this day in our lives. When our youngest son Steven and his lovely wife Cheie have a son who has reached Bar-Mitzvah, we never thought at the time when we went through hell that we would live to see this day.

I was born and raised in Poland in the city of Kalish where I received an extreme religious upbringing, the Jewish population in Kalish was about 30,000 Jews, and life was flourishing under the circumstances, in the Kehilah of Kalish, the religious Jews had the most influence. Kalish had a Beth-din with a Zav and three dayanim, my Grandfather, my father, father

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was one of the tree dayanim in Kalish, from my fathers side all were gerer chasidim. on my mothers side my grandfather ¹⁵ אבן ראובן all were alexander chasidym and extreme religion ^{31c} אבן ראובן אבן ראובן.

my grandparents lived this world in a natural way Hitler וְהַנְּזִי and his gangsters came to power.

In september 1939 as soon as the Germans entered the City of Kalish life changed over night. the established a jewish section, all jews had to move out from their homes and move in to the jewish section, it was not a ghetto yet, they hungd out posters "saying" that all jews from 16- to 65 year old must register for work, and all jews must wear a yellow star. life turned out to be hell, miserable and unbearable,

The lives of my parents, brother and sister were

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extinguished in the Holocaust, I went through more than ten ghettos including concentration camps and death camps, miraculously I survived broken spiritually. I had an uncle in the U.S. in 1946 right after the war he brought me over to the U.S. and my uncle and aunt treated me like parents treat their own sons. I met my lovely wife Genia in the U.S. we got married and G-d gave us two sons and a daughter and they now have their own children, we gave them a Jewish education, and warned them from from childhood on not to get married to non Jewish boys or girls because we would disown you. Thanks G-d it didn't happen, now I am warning my grandchildren, don't ever get involved with non Jewish boys or girls, you should be friendly and good neighbors with them, but don't you dare ever get married to

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them. If G-d forbid it will ever happen you will
be witten off and disowned from my little mishpacha
mazel tov to Steven and Cherie on the bar mitzva
of their son Shomo Eliaizer and to my granddaughter
Caroline. I wish my grandson Adam to grow up
and to be a proud Jew and to pass my warning on
to his generation in Sheli pr 216 GN