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Candle Lighting / Honor Ceremony

At Party Excitement, we know that the honor ceremony, which is usually in the form of a candle lighting, can be one of the most difficult pieces of the puzzle to figure out for your upcoming Bar/Bat Mitzvah. With this in mind, we want to make this as easy as possible for you and your family, so we have put together this packet to guide you through the process.

In the following pages you find:

- Helpful hints
- Candle Lighting suggested order
- Sample script
- Song suggestions

When you've completed your candle lighting, please send the final copy to your MC and/or account representative. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us!

HELPFUL HINTS

General Suggestions

There is no “right or wrong” way of doing the candle lighting – there is only too long! Please keep it short and sweet.

Start by making an initial list of honorees. Try not to forget anyone who you feel must light a candle. Please remember that is fine to group people together.

You can have any number of candles/honorees. Frequently, it’s 13 or 14, but with a smaller crowd, you may want to have less. We don’t recommend having more than 14.

Don’t separate school and home friends from camp friends, do one “friends” candle. It is fine if the guest of honor has one or two best friends to give them their own candle.

Unless one family of your adult friends is very special to you, group more than one family together. You can bring up five or six couples at the same time. Just use their names in the poem or speech. It is fun - everyone laughs at these huge groups.

Be careful that you don’t offend any of your guests.

It’s unnecessary to give everyone you ever met in your life his or her own candle.

If concerned about having some of your guests feel “left out” because they did not receive an honor, then consider having an “everyone candle.” This is typically the last candle and we have provided a great example of what to write which can be found in the “Sample Candle Lighting” below for candle number 14.

To Rhyme or Not to Rhyme

The candle lighting doesn’t need to be done in a “poem” format. If anything, it’s easier and faster to keep it to a couple of sentences that don’t rhyme.

Memory Candle

If you are doing a candle in memory, we recommend that it is done as the first candle. It is most respectful to begin in memory and then pick things up from there.

We strongly recommend that no music is played for a candle in memory.

The Script

With all the important things going on as you plan a Mitzvah, one important thing is to type up what the guest of honor is going to say, just like a script.

As soon as your script is completed, so that you don't forget to bring your script with you, we then strongly recommend the "3 Copy System."

Our 3 Copy System

1st Copy is your main copy that you plan on having with you on the day of the party. Print this in a large font size so it's easy to read.

2nd Copy is placed in the vehicle you'll be driving that day

3rd Copy is emailed to the MC of your event (Please send to us no later than 2 weeks before the date of the party). You can email it to info@partyexcitement.com.

Table Setup

We recommend that you ask whoever is in charge of providing tables have one round table on wheels designated for just the candle lighting supplies. This could include the cake, candle holders, copy of the script, lighter, and/or any other necessary items.

Candles

If the caterer will be supplying the candles, inform them of how many you will need. We always recommend having at least 15 candles, because it is always good to have extras.

Your MC will place the candles in the cake just prior to the candle lighting ceremony to avoid having a big mess if things melt.

CANDLE LIGHTING ORDER

***Note:** The following is the order most people follow for the candle lighting ceremony. Of course, it is up to you, and there is no wrong way to do this.*

Welcome: Thanking everyone for being with you.

Memorial candle: In memory of a loved one or group of loved ones.

Grandparents

Aunts & Uncles: With their kids, unless there is a really close cousin relationship and your child wants them to have their own candle(s).

Older Relatives

Younger Relatives

Friends of Parents

Friends of Guest of Honor

Siblings

Parents

Everyone Candle

THIS IS ONLY A SAMPLE

The sample script below was created as a reference as you work on your own script.

Please note that the beginning text is numbered and bold, and the candle number is mentioned at the end. This will help remember where we left off as the group is called up and where to begin with the next candle.

1 Memory I'm lighting my first candle for anyone who couldn't be with us to celebrate today.

Song: No Music

2 Grammy and Poppy: We have fun playing Words with Friends and just relaxing. When I visit you, I know that I will always have a good time. I would like to call up Grammy and Poppy to light candle #2

Song: You Make Me Feel So Young by Frank Sinatra

3 Grampy & Nana: I always look forward to when we get to be together. Whether it's shopping, baking cookies, or talking on FaceTime, I would like to call up Grampy Phil and Nana Naomi to light candle #3.

Song: What I Like about you by the Romantics

4 Brian and Cori: My Uncle Brian and Aunt Cori are two great people. When I see them I always have a good time. Because of them, my card playing skills are much better than they were. I would like to call up uncle Brian and aunt Cori to light candle #4.

Song: Party Rock Anthem by LMFAO

5 My Uncles Steven, Mike, and Marc have busy lives in New York but always take time to come and see us when they are up in Boston. It is always good to see them. I am glad that they could come party with me tonight. I would like to call up my uncles Steven, Mike, and Marc to light candle #5.

Song: Shipping up to Boston by the Dropkick Murphys

6 Cousins Jacob, Maya, and Dani. Whether we are playing video games, dancing, or just being silly, I always look forward to being with my cousins. Please dance your way up to light candle number 6!

Song: Uptown Funk by Bruno Mars

7 Nora and Maddie. They were an important part of my dad's life when he was growing up and it's important to me that they're here today. I would like to call up Nora and Maddie to light candle #7

Song: You Shook me all Night Long by AC/DC

8 My dad's other cousins are Darius, Brian, and David. No matter where in the world you travel from Israel to Australia, to right here in Natick, I would like to call up Darius, Brian, and David to light candle #8

Song: Moves like Jagger by Maroon 5

9 My mom's cousins Brittany, Tanya, and Ariana always make a big effort to come to our family celebrations. They're a lot of fun and it's always more special when they're here. I would like to call up them to light candle #9

Song: September by Earth, Wind, & Fire

10 My cousins range from 8 months old all the way to 23. When I am around any one of them, I can count on having a good time. I would like to call up all the cousins that are here to light candle #10

Song: Happy by Pharrell

11 Candle for my friends. Some of you I see every day, some I only see once in a while, but you're all the best. I would like to ask all my friends to light candle #11

Song: All I Do is Win by DJ Khaled

12 Keren and Lauren: I know that I can always count on my sisters. They are always there for me when I need them. We have a lot of fun and when I am sad, they always cheer me up. I would like to call up Ericka and Jace to light candle #12.

Song: We Will Rock You by Queen

13 Parents: My parents have always been there for me when I needed them. They've helped and supported me and taught me great things. I would like to call up my biggest role models: my parents to light candle #13

Song: I Love it by Icona Pop

14. The "Everyone Candle": Although I would have loved to have everyone in the room come up to light a candle, if we did that – we'd be doing this candle lighting all night! So instead, I'd like to light this candle in honor of everyone in the room. Thank you SO much for coming to Bar Mitzvah! Now let's party!

Song: I Gotta Feeling by Black Eyed Peas

SONG SUGGESTIONS

Memorial Candle

We **strongly** feel that candles in memory should have NO music played, but if looking for a song anyway we suggest:

I will Remember You - Sarah McLaughlin
One Sweet Day - Boys II Men
Memory (From Cats) – Barbara Streisand
Tears in Heaven – Eric Clapton
Candle in the Wind – Elton John
My Heart Will Go On – Celine Dion
You Raise Me Up – Josh Groban
Somewhere over the Rainbow - Israel Kamakawiwo'ole

Songs for Grandparents

All You Need is Love – Beatles	Stand by Me - Ben E. King
At Last – Etta James	Sunrise, Sunset – Fiddler on the Roof
Because You Loved Me- Celine Dion	That's Amore - Dean Martin
Beyond the Sea – Bobby Darrin	The Way You Look Tonight - Frank Sinatra
Can You Feel the Love Tonight? - Elton John	Through the Years - Kenny Rogers
Can't Help Falling in Love – Elvis	To Life – Fiddler on The Roof
Can't Smile Without You- Barry Manilow	Tradition - Fiddler on The Roof
Celebration - Kool & The Gang	Treasure – Bruno Mars
Forever Young- Rod Stewart	Twist and Shout – Beatles
Happy – Pharrell	Walk this Way – Aerosmith
Have I Told You Lately - Van Morrison	We Are Family - Sister Sledge
It Had to Be You – Harry Connick Jr.	What A Wonderful World - Louis Armstrong
L-O-V-E – Nat King Cole	You Are the Sunshine of My Life - Stevie Wonder
One Call Away – Charlie Puth	Young at Heart – Frank Sinatra
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Songs for Other Relatives

Adams Family Theme
Bust a Move – Young MC
Can't Stop the Feeling – Justin Timberlake
Celebrate – Pitbull
Celebration - Kool & The Gang
Dancing Queen - ABBA
Dynamite – Taio Cruz
Ease on Down the Road – The Wiz
Family Affair – Mary J. Blige
Family Affair – Sly and the Family Stone
Gonna Make you Sweat -C&C Music Factory
Good Times- Chic
Happy – Pharrell
Happy Together- The Turtles
Have I Told You Lately - Van Morrison
Have I Told You Lately I Love You – Rod Stewart
Hot Stuff- Donna Summer
Hot, Hot, Hot- Buster Pointdexter
I Gotta Feeling – Black Eyed Peas
I Wanna Dance with Somebody – Whitney Houston
I'm So Excited – Pointer Sisters
Jump Around – House of Pain

Let the Good Times Roll- The Cars
Love Will Keep Us Together- Captain & Tenielle
Moves like Jagger – Maroon 5
Our House – Madness
Party in the USA – Miley Cyrus
Rapper's Delight – Sugar Hill Gang
Rock and Roll All Night – Kiss
September – Earth, Wind, & Fire
Sexy and I Know it – LMFAO
Shake it off – Taylor Swift
Shut up & Dance – Walk the Moon
Simply the Best – Tina Turner
Stand by Me - Ben E. King
Still the One- Orleans
Sweet Caroline – Neil Diamond
Sweet Home Alabama – Lynyrd Skynyrd
Uptown Funk – Bruno Mars
Walk this Way – Aerosmith
Wannabe – Spice Girls
We Are Family - Sister Sledge
What A Wonderful World - Louis Armstrong
Yeah! – Usher
You Shook me All Night Long – AC/DC

Songs for Friends

ABC – Jackson 5
All I Do is Win – DJ Khaled
Best Day of My Life – American Authors
Born to Be Wild - Steppenwolf
Boys Are Back in Town- Thin Lizzy
Celebration - Kool & The Gang
Classic – MKTO
Count on Me- Bruno Mars
Don't Stop Believin – Journey
Eye of the Tiger – Survivor
Feel this Moment - Pitbull
Friends TV Theme Song – Rembrandts
Girls – Beastie Boys
Girls Just Wanna Have Fun - Cyndi Lauper
Golden Boy (Camp friends) – Nadav Guedj
Lean on Me - Bill Withers
Lean on Me- Club Nouveau
Mr. Roger's Neighborhood Theme

Never Had a Friend Like Me – Aladdin
Party Rock Anthem – LMFAO
Rock & Roll Part 2 - Gary Glitter
Rocky Theme - Soundtrack
Stand by Me - Ben E. King
Time of Our Lives – Pitbull
Time of Your Life – Green Day
Uptown Funk – Bruno Mars
We Are the Champions - Queen
We are Young – Fun.
We Go Together – Grease
We Will Rock You - Queen
What I Like About You - Romantics
Who Let the Dogs Out - Baha Men?
Wild Thing - Troggs
With A Little Help from My Friends – Beatles
You're My Best Friend- Queen
You've Got A Friend - James Taylor

Songs for Brothers

All-star – Smash Mouth
Anything You Can Do, I Can Do Better
Bad Boys – Inner Circle
Bad to The Bone- George Thorogood
Born to Be Wild - Steppenwolf
Can't Stop the Feeling – Timberlake
Count on Me – Bruno Mars
Eye of the Tiger – Survivor
Fireball – Pitbull
Happy – Pharrell
I Feel Good - James Brown
I'm Too Sexy- Right Said Fred
Just Can't Wait to Be King- Lion King
Just the Two of Us – Bill Withers
Macho Man - Village People
Mission Impossible Theme

Pretty Fly for A White Guy – The Offspring
Rock & Roll Part 2 - Gary Glitter
Rock this Party – Bob Sinclar
Rocky Theme
Sharp Dressed Man – ZZ Top
Soul Man- Blues Brothers
Stand by Me - Ben E. King
The Boys are Back in Town – Thin Lizzy
The Man – Aloe Blacc
Turn Down for What – Lil Jon
We Are the Champions - Queen
We Go Together - Grease Soundtrack
We Will Rock You - Queen
What I Like About You - Romantics
Wild Thing – Troggs
You are My Best Friend – Queen

Songs for Sisters

Anything You Can Do, I Can Do Better
Barbie Girl – Aqua
Born to Be Wild - Steppenwolf
Brown Eyed Girl - Van Morrison
Call me Maybe – Carley Rae Jepsen
Can't Stop the Feeling – Timberlake
Celebration - Kool & The Gang
Count on Me – Bruno Mars
Dancing Queen - Abba
Dynamite – Taio Cruz
Feel this Moment - Pitbull
Girls Just Wanna Have Fun - Cyndi Lauper
Havana – Camila Cabello
I Feel Good - James Brown
I Like it – Cardi B
I Love it – Icona Pop
I Saw Her Standing There- The Beatles
Isn't She Lovely - Stevie Wonder
Just A Girl - No Doubt
My Girl- The Temptations

Party in the USA – Miley Cyrus
Party Rock Anthem – LMFAO
Respect - Aretha Franklin
Roar – Katy Perry
Rock & Roll Part 2 - Gary Glitter
She Drives Me Crazy- Fine Young Cannibals
Single Ladies – Beyonce
Stand by Me - Ben E. King
Starships – Nikki Minaj
Sugar – Maroon 5
The Middle - Zedd
Tik Tok – Kesha
We Are Family - Sister Sledge
We Are the Champions - Queen
We Go Together - Grease Soundtrack
We Will Rock You - Queen
Where You Lead- Carol King
Yeah! – Usher

Parents

24K Magic – Bruno Mars
Ain't No Mountain High Enough- Supremes
Beautiful Life – Ace of Base
Because You Loved Me – Celine Dion
Bust a Move – Young MC
Can You Feel the Love Tonight? - Elton John
Can't Hold us – Macklemore
Can't Stop the Feeling – Timberlake
Celebration - Kool & The Gang
Danza Kuduro – Don Omar
Don't Stop Till U Get Enough – Michael Jackson
Everlasting Love- Gloria Estefan
Feel So Close – Calvin Harris
Feel this Moment - Pitbull
Firework – Katy Perry
Hero – Enrique Iglesias
Hero – Mariah Carey
Honey, I'm Good – Andy Grammar
How Sweet it is – James Taylor
I Feel Good - James Brown
I Got You Babe – Sonny & Cher
I Love it – Icona Pop

I Wanna Dance with Somebody – Whitney Houston
I'll Be There – Jackson 5
Marry You – Bruno Mars
My First, My Last, Everything – Barry White
My House – Flo Rida
Party Rock Anthem – LMFAO
Rock & Roll Part 2 - Gary Glitter
Stand by Me - Ben E. King
Sugar – Maroon 5
Teach Your Children- CSN
This is How We Do It – Montell Jordan
Time of My Life – Dirty Dancing
Uptown Funk – Bruno Mars
We Are Family - Sister Sledge
We Are the Champions - Queen
We Found Love – Rihanna
We're Having A Party- Rod Stewart
What A Wonderful World - Louis Armstrong
When I'm 64 – Beatles
Yeah! – Usher
You Shook me All Night Long - ACDC

People from Out of State

Alabama - Lynyrd Skynyrd
Alabama: Sweet Home Alabama
America - Neil Diamond
Boston: Dirty Water- Standells
Boston: Shipping up to Boston
California Dreaming - Mamas & Papas
California Girls - Beach Boys
California Girls- David Lee Roth
California Love- Tupac
California: Hotel California – Eagles
Carolina In My Mind - James Taylor
Chicago Bulls Theme Song
Chicago, My Kind Of Town - Frank Sinatra
Cincinnati - "WKRP" TV Show
Detroit City – Bobby Bare
From a Distance – Bette Midler
Georgia On My Mind - Ray Charles
Georgia: Sweet Georgia Brown
Hawaii: "Hawaii Five Oh" TV Show
Hawaii: Tiny Bubbles - Don Ho
Kansas City - Wilbur Harrison

Kokomo – Beach Boys
Las Vegas: Viva Las Vegas – Elvis
Life is a Highway – Rascal Flatts
Miami - Will Smith
New York New York - Frank Sinatra
New York State of Mind- Billy Joel
Empire State of Mind – Alicia Keys
Ohio State University Football Song
On the Road Again – Willie Nelson
Pennsylvania 6-5000 - Glenn Miller
Pennsylvania Polka - Frankie Yankovic
Philadelphia - Bruce Springsteen
Philadelphia Freedom
San Francisco: I Left My Heart In San Francisco - Tony Bennett
St. Louis Blues March- Glen Miller
Tennessee – Arrested Development
Texas – Yellow Rose of Texas
Thank G-d I'm a Country Boy
Washington DC - Hail To The Chief
Wild, Wild, West

Songs for Anyone

24K Magic	I Feel Good	Sharp Dressed Man
ABC	I Gotta Feeling	Shipping up to Boston
Ain't No Mountain	I Just Called to Say I Love You	Shout
Ain't Too Proud to Beg	I Like to Move it	Shut up and Dance
All I Do is Win	I Love it	Single Ladies
All You Need is Love	I Wanna Dance with	Soul Man
American Woman	Somebody	Stand by Me
Austin Powers Theme	I Want You Back	Supermodel
Bad Girls	I'm Yours	Sweet Caroline
Bad to the Bone	Isn't She Lovely?	Temperature
Best Day of My Life	It had to be you	That's the Way (I Like it)
Best of My Love	Jump Around	The Gambler
Boogie Wonderland	Jump, Jive, & Wail	The Way You Do the Things
Born to be Wild	Just the Two of Us	You Do
Brick House	Land of 1000 Dances	Theme from Rocky
Brown Eyed Girl	Lean on Me (Club Nouveau)	Treasure
Build Me up Buttercup	Lean on Me (Withers)	Twist & Shout
Bust a Move	Leaving on a Jet Plane	Uptown Funk
California Dreaming	Let's Dance	Waka Waka
Call me Maybe	Let's get it Started	Walking on Sunshine
Can't Stop the Feeling!	Life is A Highway	Wannabe
Celebration	Living on a Prayer	We are Family
Conga	Love Me Do	We are the Champions
Dance to the Music	Love Shack	We Found Love
Danza Kuduro	Moves Like Jagger	We Go Together
Dirty Water	My Girl	We Like to Party (Six Flags)
Don't Stop Believing	My House	We will Rock You
Don't Stop the Party	New York, New York	We're having a Party
Don't Stop till U Get Enough	Ob La Di	What a Wonderful World
Dynamite	Odd Couple Theme	What I Like About You
Ease on Down the Road	Oh! What a Night	When I'm 64
Everlasting Love	On the Road Again	Wild Thing
Feel this Moment	One More Time	Yeah!
Fireball	Party in the USA	You are the Sunshine of my
Firework	Party Rock Anthem	life
Friends Theme	Play that Funky Music	You Shook Me All Night Long
Get Down Tonight	Pretty Woman	Young at Heart
Get on Your Feet	Pump It!	
Girls Just Wanna Have Fun	Rapper's Delight	
Good Feeling	Respect	
Good Times	Rock and Roll All Night	
Happy	Rock this Party	
Hero	Satisfaction	
Hey Ya!	Sexy and I Know it	
Hot, Hot, Hot	Shake it Off	