

Good afternoon and welcome everyone! As you all know, today is my bat mitzvah. I am so excited for you to be here to celebrate with me!

Although my Parasha is Shemini, I decided that I did not want my speech to be about that. So, when I was just starting my bat mitzvah lessons, I had to figure out what my speech would be about. My sister, Carmel (who sadly cannot make it here today), encouraged me to think about the women of the Torah. So that's what I will be doing today.

My Hebrew birthdate falls on the 28th of Nissan, or kaf chet of nissan. In Jewish tradition, each letter of the Hebrew Aleph Bet has a corresponding numerical value; called Gematria.. kaf-chet also means koach - strength. While thinking about the meaning of koach or strength, I realized that strength is not only physical strength, it can also be emotional, mental or spiritual strength. All those thoughts made me think: 'hmm.. I come from a family of 4 strong and beautiful women, and my father who is happily outnumbered. So I decided to look for other strong women in our history.













































