

Brady,

Today is a great day. It's a day you will remember for many reasons. You worked very hard to get here. You faced the fear, the doubt and the frustration. You found your strength, your courage, and your confidence. The most important thing you have found is your voice. That voice which has spoken out when one of your friends was being bullied. That voice that will fight with Brooke over which tv show to watch. Then, the next minute demand to know who picked on her at school, what they said, and what will be done about it. That voice that can't wait to tell us that Ella got a new haircut and is so happy. That voice is the one that tells me its ok when I start to cry because I am so proud of you. These are all examples of using that voice to speak out about things that matter.

Before I met your Mom, Nana used to tell me, "You need to find a nice Jewish boy!" Well, guess what? I found him; he is right here, it's you!. But what does that really mean? A nice Jewish boy? It brings an image, a thought, a feeling. It's something that you just know when you see it. So, I see it when you start to head thru a door but stop to hold it open for someone. I see it when volunteer to help with the younger kids at temple.

I see it when make a silly joke just to get someone to laugh. Finally, I see it when you do the right thing when you think no one is watching.

Brady, you have to told us many times that you want to either be an architect, veterinarian or a pro baseball player. So those involve designing a beautiful home or office for someone. Or helping a someone's pet that is sick. Baseball may just something you love to play. But it also brings great joy and bonds families together, unless they don't like the Red Sox.

So, this is the part where I pass down some words of wisdom. First, always listen to your Mother. Well in your case, both of us. Next, nothing good ever happens after midnight, so be home and get some rest. Finally, keep doing what doing. Keep speaking out. Keep being kind to others. Keep protecting your sister. Most importantly, keep being you; a nice Jewish boy.