



QUOTH THE MAVEN

BY BEVERLY KING POLLOCK

Invitation to Worry

I wonder if my Bubbeh had the same troubles when she had a Bar Mitzvah. Did her son try to con her into letting him wear jeans and jacket? And did he want his hair so long he really had pats?

But I have spoken. My son will wear a blue knitted wool suit just like any other 13 year old boy taking the big step. And the miniature haircut comes next week (I hope).

You see how I manage to cope with important matters? It's just the small things that throw me. Like the invitations. I don't mean Who-to-Ask; I mean The Invitations.

At first when we were going to have a Small Bar Mitzvah I told the Shul stationery seller I wanted only 50 invitations. Luckily she was a good salesgirl and talked me into 100. For now as the date draws closer, I find I have somehow invited the "immediate world."

Still I goofed. Not just because I forgot to buy enough special issue pretty stamps to put on each envelope. But I ran out of Outside Envelopes. The kids and I slopped up too many doing the addressing.

I told my husband I needed 10 extra envelopes and he asked why didn't I order extra invitations. "You could always use them at a later date," he said.

One thing I must warn you. Never discuss Bar Mitzvahs with a husband. He simply does not understand the life-and-deathness of the project. All he is capable of contributing is funds and earth-shaking suggestions like, "Did you remember to invite Cousin Soralie?" Sometimes he says, "How much?"

I was considering crying to see if that'd help when in came my neighbor to borrow an egg. She found me a beaten woman with cut

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tongue lipping from licking envelopes.

She said, "You know, I have envelopes left over from my son's Bar Mitzvah. They might just fit." They did. And I was saved. And I later found there is a booking agent at every Shul for excess invitation envelopes.

It's fun receiving the acceptances. I always used to be very formal in replying to invitations. Now I know it's much more fun to receive a note saying, "We'll be there with bells on," or "Did you think we'd dare say no?"

However we did get a couple refusals. And one came from an invitation I mailed without putting in that thin sheet of tissue paper. (I gave out of those too.) Is that a legitimate reason for refusing?

Obviously it's easier to be a Bar Mitzvah bocher than it is to be a mother. My son -- can you imagine -- thinks he has problems just because he has to be able to read from the Torah and write a small speech saying that transistor radios do not a Bar Mitzvah Boy make.

Let's see. I have to worry about more important things. This week I'll clean out the closets. Next week the drawers and the week after. Tell me, do people really inspect the grime on the grout in the bathroom tile all that close up?

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