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B'nei Mitzvah is like opening a door. It (should) represent one of the beginnings of Jewishness, not the end. There is so much to learn and understand about Judaism, not just the prayers. There are numerous exciting and intriguing stories of romance and action, not to mention the history of our wandering, persecutions, survival and, yes, growth. When I was growing up Bar Mitzvah was only for boys, girls were not offered that opportunity. As one result, my goal was to be confirmed. Little did I know how much there was yet to be learned and even to this day I still am learning.

I'd like to see every Hebrew young man and woman given this opportunity to study and learn about their heritage. Not only to be proud of who they are and what they represent, but also to pass this feeling and knowledge on to future generations.

With this desire of mine, my husband, Bart, and I want to encourage and support post-B'nei Mitzvah students to "go further", learn and in doing so, grow within Judaism.