



### 2023 Photography Competition

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| School and Grade | Istanbul Ulus Jewish High School (9th grader) |
| Title            | My Family                                     |

### **TASK: Capture 3 photographs.**

Portray your family or take a Centropa-like photo of a family member. We share our joys and sorrows with our families; they are the ones who are always there for us. Try to reflect this feeling in your photo. Write one paragraph for each of your photographs. Describe the image and explain why you have taken it to illustrate your category. Each paragraph should be 100-150 words.

### **Content:**

- 1) My Sisters Bat-Mitzvah
- 2) My Bar-Mitzvah
- 3) The Antelope Canyon



## **My sister's Bat-Mitzvah:**

I attended my first bat mitzvah ever and had a blast at my sister's celebration. Although I was quite young at the time and don't remember much, a few things stand out in my mind. Initially, I thought we would all go as a family and that my mother would help me pick out my clothes, but my mother and sister left early, leaving only my father with me.

At the bat mitzvah, we took photos with all the guests, which was a bit tedious, but I managed to entertain myself. When we arrived at the party area, initially I felt quite lonely. Suddenly, the lights went out, and everyone found a seat for the candle ceremony. I sat with my parents and participated in the ceremony with my family. Afterward, the party began, but being young, I eventually went to my room and slept.

Overall, it was a fantastic day spent with my family at my sister's bat mitzvah celebration.



### **My Bar-Mitzvah:**

This was the day when my responsibilities increased and I grew up. My family supported me during this important occasion. Prior to the bar mitzvah, my father took great care of me by helping me choose my outfit and reading with me. I was thrilled when the bar mitzvah day arrived.

In this picture, taken around 6-7 am at the Ortaköy Synagogue, my family and I are posing for the camera while waiting for the guests to arrive. I was nervous about being the center of attention and worried that I might make mistakes while reading the prayers. My family motivated me and helped me overcome my stress. After finishing the reading, I conducted a small candle ceremony and invited my friends, family, childhood friends, and family friends to join me.

It was a wonderful day for my family and me.



## The Antelope Canyon:

My family and I traveled to Arizona's Grand Canyon in July 2018 and had a wonderful experience. I recall we were having a hard time moving since it was so hot there. Every ten minutes or so, we were required to spritz water on our heads. We did, however, witness a lot of beautiful landmarks and hiked a lot.

The photograph was taken at the Antelope Canyon, a prominent location close to the Grand Canyon. The classic Apple Grand Canyon screensaver was also shot at the exact location. Even though it appeared to be a happy family, we had trouble staying upright while we smiled at the camera. The most satisfying moment of this trip was probably finally going to the car and turning the air conditioning all the way up.