

## **Family and Love - by Lila, February 2025**

For my study passage, I wanted to focus on family, as the most important things in my life are my family and friends. As we read on page 605 in the siddur, the second paragraph down: "May we fulfil our duty to respect our parents. What is the honour due to parents? To provide them with food, drink, with clothing and cover, to bring them home and take them out, to provide for their needs and to do so with a cheerful face."

This passage teaches us how we should provide for our parents, just as they provide for us. It is easy to see how my parents take me out and bring me home, but what is important is to spend quality time with them, like when my dad takes me to football. These moments are special, as it is just the two of us, so I get to spend the whole day with him.

But my family is not just my parents. I also have two sisters, who I love spending time with and who are my best friends. As I have grown up, we have gotten closer and closer. As we read further on page 605 in the siddur: "May we have the strength to build our home with patience and with love. Everyone has in their life a beautiful day when they find love without care and trouble. But when this day is past, you earn love, as you earn bread, by the sweat of the brow."

I know that with the love of my family and friends, my days are easier, as I know they are always supporting me, especially now on my bat mitzvah.