



View from the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel

## October 13, 2007, My Bat Mitzvah—

My Bat Mitzvah has come and gone... But the day is still fresh in my mind. The day began with a two-and-a-half-hour service at the synagogue. Mom and Dad said I did a fantastic job! Everything was perfect. Except I found out after it was all over that the police had to be called to the synagogue. There was a stranger who was acting very agitated and the Rabbi's wife was worried for our safety. The police came and sat outside just incase. Nothing happened but it was nice to know that someone was ready incase something did.



After the Service my friends and I were swept off to the reception at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel in our stretch limo. What a great party, the staff was wonderful, the food was fantastic and the DJ's were a blast! We had so much fun! I gave out 60 "Oscar" Awards to important people during the candle lighting of my cake. Pictured to the left is one of the lightings. This candle was reserved for people who inspire me. From left to Right is Judy E. Director of the plays I do with 90 Miles of Broadway, Janet S. The music Director from 90 Miles off Broadway, Chris P. Author/Writer of "It is Not Who I am – The Sara-Elizabeth Story" and Leslie S. Formally of The Epilepsy Society of Southern New York. These friends came up to light a candle and accept the awards for "The Most Inspirational People In My Life!"

After the candle lighting the party continued with tons of food, music and games. The reception ended at the Hotel, but the party continued until 2:30am back at my home with even more food and great friends! But the fun still was not over... Sunday at least 20 people returned to the house for the day and the party continued...

It was a lot of fun, but after it was all over I was exhausted!



The Oscars



Me, My sisters, and Mom



On the Dance Floor