

ROSH AND RAY - AUDITION SCENE 1

AT RISE: On the patio RAY is barbecuing steaks.

Next to him ROSH is sorting through a pile of bills.

ON the patio

ROSH

Are you sure we can afford this?

RAY

Tell me about it! I just about had to remortgage the house to afford these kosher steaks. For what I paid we could have bought the entire cow if it hadn't needed a barmitzvah.

ROSH

I'm talking about the wedding... (coming across a bill) *Canons?* You ordered canons for the reception?

RAY

Rose-petal canons.

ROSH

You don't think that's a little over the top?

RAY

It is a Jewish wedding. There is no top.

ROSH

I think the canons may have hit it.

RAY

Chill, Rosh. When I get the tender for the new schule, it'll more than pay for everything.

ROSH

Sweetheart, I appreciate you arranging the wedding while I'm looking after mum, but I don't want us taking a huge risk.

RAY

What risk? When I showed the Rabbi my designs, he had tears in his eyes.

ROSH

Are you sure you didn't show him the bill?

RAY

He loved the curved lines and tessellated roof tiling. He said signing off on it next week would just be a formality.

ROSH

After paying for mum's nursing home, Tara's Uni fees, and the renovation. This is just excessive.

RAY

(drawing a circle in the air)

Rosh, relax. It's the circle of life. The Rabbi marries Tara and Leo in the old schule, he chooses my design for the new schule, and the commission pays for the wedding. Circle. Of. Life.

ROSH

(holding aloft a bill)

Swans? Does the circle really need swans?

RAY

What's the most important thing about all of this?

ROSH

That our grandchildren won't have to visit us in a caravan park?

RAY

It's that Tara gets what we never had. A traditional Jewish wedding.

ROSH

What! Rabbi Ben Barack married us in my parent's garden. How can you get more traditional than that?

RAY

First of all, we had under 600 guests. Second, there were no personalized gift bags. Also, the band was local. And it was in your parents' *garden*.

ROSH

So, what you are saying is, tradition isn't what it used to be?

RAY

Traditions change, but big weddings never go out of style.

ROSH

As long as we don't go broke.

RAY

Listen Rosh, Tara knows we are doing it all for her.