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On behalf of all of us at *CITYSunTimes*, please accept our wishes for a healthy and happy holiday season. A Happy Chanukah – a Merry Christmas – a celebration of whatever speaks to you. At this time, and all times, we wish you and yours happiness, good health and prosperity in 2016.

Warm regards,  
Lorrie Pomeroy, Publisher

“When is Glammie going to write an article about ME?” Sayeth loving granddaughter Oakley.

“She *always* writes about you,” sayeth loving daughter Courtney.

*Oak*: “Nope. She writes about other stuff and *maybe* she *mentions* me. But, it’s not ABOUT me.”

*Court*: “I’m going to ask Glammie to send us every article that includes you.”

*Oak*: “I *said*, they *include* me. But, I just get *mentioned*. It’s about *you*. Or *her*. Or *other* stuff. Not *me*.”

She’s eight. Life *is* all about her! And, if it’s not – it *should* be.

I phoned Princess Oakley.

*Me*: “Oak, Glammie needs some talking points for the article.”

*Oak*: “Just talk about my social life.”

*Me*: “Can you give me some other ideas also?”

*Oak*: “My social life is enough. I have a *lot* of things in my social life. My friends. My school. *All* the things I do. I do *a lot of stuff*.”

*Me*: “I just want you to understand, baby doll, that I’ll be taking creative license. I might exaggerate a little or maybe stretch the truth to make it more humorous or interesting. So, I don’t want you to be upset if I use my creativity.”

*Oak*: “I *know* that, Glammie! I’m a writer, too! I write creatively. *All. The. Time!*”

So *many* stories – so little room! I could write a book.

#### Anecdote #1

One of my most favorite things to do when visiting Oak in NYC is to read a book to her class. She had signed me up to be the “Reader of the Week” on a recent visit.

We rehearsed my recitation via FaceTime prior to my arrival. Oak held the book towards the screen and



turned the pages after I had read each one aloud. I was my characteristic animated self. When I finished, she shook her head, frowned and fluttered her eyes in pity.

*Oak*: “Glammie, that wasn’t very good. Needs work. Let me show you how to do it.” Then she read me the entire book again. With enthusiasm. Could have sworn I was animated enough. Guess not. “And don’t embarrass me.”

Well, if she didn’t want me to embarrass her, she shouldn’t have chosen a book that had a rap song in it. My plan was to rap the rap and have the kids dance with me.

*Oak*: “Do *not* do that! That’s *so* embarrassing.”

So, I didn’t dance. I did, however, rap the rap and had the kids clap to the beat. The kids loved it. Oak was mortified. She texted her mother afterwards, “Glammie is never allowed to read to my class EVER again.”

*Oak* (to *Court*): “I don’t understand how you grew up with Glammie as your mom. She’s so embarrassing. How did you survive your childhood?”

*Court*: “It wasn’t easy.”  
Oops. Was that about *me*? Sorry.

#### Anecdote #2

When she was four, she hollered across the living room, “Howdy, ol’ lady!”

*Me*: “Who you callin’ an ol’ lady?”

*Oak*: “You, Glammie!”

*Me*: “Why?”

*Oak*: “When you wake up in the morning you walk like this,” channeling Artie Johnson in *Laugh In*.

O.K. So I’m a teeny bit stiff in the mornings before I stretch. This is the same ol’ lady who can do squats while her granddaughter stands on her thighs. By. The. Way.

*Me*: “You can call me that as long as you call me “hot old lady.”

*Oak*: “O.K. Ol’ hot lady.”

Close enough.

#### Anecdote #3

One night when she was seven, as we shnoogled in bed,

*Oak*: “Can we do pillow talk, Glammie?”

*Me*: “Sure. What would you like to talk about?”

*Oak*: “What is HIV?”

Holding my breath,

*Me*: “Well, it’s a virus. What do you want to know about it?”

*Oak*: “Let’s talk about something else.”

Whew! Thank you, God! Got away easy on that one.

*Oak*: “Let’s talk about the Titanic.”

Where does she get this from? I explained briefly about the sinking, not wanting to instill a fear of sailing. She asked why they couldn’t see the iceberg. I explained.

*Oak*: “Where were the passengers?”

I described the caste system. “Why was it like that?” I ask myself the same question. “How many people died?” I answered, and added,

*Me*: “Your great grandfather, escaping from Russia, traveled to America on a different ship a few years before that.”

*Oak*: “Did he drown?”

*Me*: “If he had, there would be no Glammie. No Mommy. No Oakley. So, no.”

*Oak*: “Good. Good night, Glammie.”

So it’s not *exclusively* about her. It’s about me *and* her. Lots more to say about her. Her family. Her friends. Their families. That is, after all, what life *is* all about. Friends, family – and HER!

Perhaps next time.

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