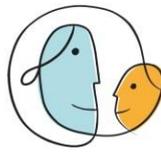




Trigger Questions – For a Student to ask an Older Participant

1. When and where were you born?
2. What memories do you have of the house where you grew up?
3. What language did you speak?
4. Did you have any special customs that you did? Food that you ate?
5. Were you born in another country? When did your family move to that country? Do you have any special stories connected to when or why they Moved to a new country?
6. What was the historical background of your youth? (For example, the Holocaust, part of the "Aliyah" movement, coming from Arab countries, Ethiopia, or the Former Soviet Union.)
7. What do you remember from your childhood? What school did you attend? Why did you go to that school? What did you study? In which language?
8. Who were your friends? What games did you play? What trips did you go on and/or what youth movements were you involved in?
9. Can you tell me about your parents? What were their names? Where were they born? Do you know any stories about them? Do you know any songs or stories that they were told in their youth?
10. How did your parents meet? When and where did they get married? What stories did they tell you about their wedding? What presents were they given?
11. What were your parents' jobs or occupations? Their hobbies? Did they change jobs (careers) in their lifetime?
12. What is it that you love to do currently?
13. What does being Jewish mean to you?

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Immigration Story

“My heart is in the East but I am in the West” (Rabbi Yehuda HaLevy)

- Reason for emigration from country of origin
- Preparation for emigration from country of origin to a new country
- The trip
- The year
- Challenges encountered
- Stories connecting to emigration
- The transition to life in a new country

Family Custom

“Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations”
(Deuteronomy 32:7)

"זָכֹר יָמוֹת עוֹלָם בֵּינוּ שָׁנוֹת דֶּר וְדֶר שָׁאַל אָבִיךָ וַיְגַדֶּךָ זְקֵנֶיךָ וַיֹּאמְרוּ לָךְ" (דברים לב:ז)

- Setting, timing, background for family custom
- How the family custom is observed
- A recipe and or artifact for the family custom
- Is this custom unique to your family? Or is it something that Jews from your country of origin or hometown do?
- Is there every a challenge in observing the custom?
- Do you have a story connected to the custom?
- Your custom is important to you because....

Useful Links:

[Story Corps – Great Questions](#)

[Oral History Workshop on the Web](#)

[Oral History online](#)