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IN THE BEGINNING

Birth to 12 Years

My full name is _____

I was named for _____

My Hebrew name is _____

In Hebrew I was named for _____

My nicknames were _____

because _____

The way I felt about my name was _____



PLACES I HAVE LIVED

As an adult, I lived in _____ different places.

First, I lived in _____

I moved there because _____

Here are other places I lived and why I moved there: _____

MY CHILDREN

I have had _____ children. They are:

Name _____ Hebrew Name _____

We named this child after _____

Date of birth _____ Place of birth _____

A wonderful memory I have of this child is _____



GENERATIONS

Di Ganzeh Mishpocheh

ABOUT MY PARENTS

My father's name was _____

His Hebrew name was _____

My father's birthdate was _____

He was born in (city, state, country) _____

My father's ancestors emigrated from _____

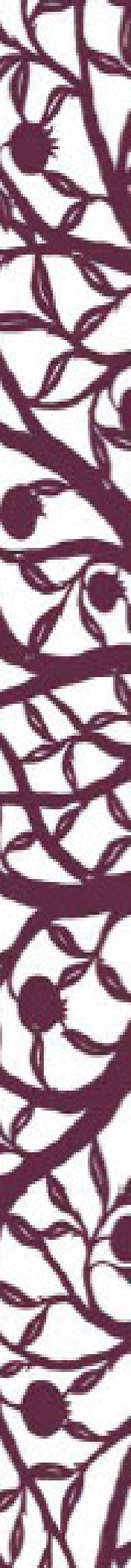
and settled in (include city, state, dates, etc.) _____

Some of the jobs my father held included _____

Most of the time when I was growing up, he worked as a _____

Whoever teaches their children, teaches not only their children but also their children's children and so on to the end of generations. (Talmud Kiddushin: 30a)

שְׂכַל הַסֵּלֶמֶד אֶת בְּנוֹ תַחֲרָה מַעֲלָה עָלָיו הַפְּתוּב פְּאִילוֹ לִמְדוֹ לוֹ וְלִבְנוֹ
וְלִבְנוֹ בְּנוֹ עַד סוּף כָּל הַדּוֹרוֹת



My father died on _____ at the age of _____

The Hebrew date of his death (his *Yahrzeit*) is _____

The cause of his death, as far as I know, was _____

The name and location of the cemetery where he is buried are

A few of the special memories I have of my father are _____

My mother's maiden name was _____

Her Hebrew name was _____

My mother's birthdate was _____

She was born in (city, state, country) _____

My mother's ancestors emigrated from _____

As I write this, I have _____ grandchildren. They are:

Name _____ Hebrew name _____

Date and place of birth _____

Parents' names _____

Some special memories I have of this grandchild are (something he said, a play she was in, a place we visited together, etc.)

Name _____ Hebrew name _____

Date and place of birth _____

Parents' names _____

Some special memories I have of this grandchild are (something he said, a play she was in, a place we visited together, etc.)

May the Lord increase your blessing, yours and your children's. (Psalm 115:14)

יִסַּף ה' עֲלֵיכֶם, עַל־בְּנֵיכֶם

HOLIDAYS AND TRADITIONS

RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS

I was raised in a (fill in religion) _____ home.

My family was (fill in level of observance) _____ observant.

When I was growing up, the religious holidays we celebrated at home were (for Jewish holidays, refer to list at end of this section)

My favorite home holiday celebration was _____ because

When I was growing up, the synagogue (church) I belonged to was

The religious holidays we celebrated at our synagogue (church) were

My favorite synagogue (church) holiday was _____

because _____



My involvement with the Jewish community has included _____

Throughout the ages, Jews have been subjected to anti-Semitism. My experience with discrimination has been _____

WORLD WAR II AND THE HOLOCAUST

During World War II, I was _____

The Holocaust affected my family in these ways _____

Family members lost in the Holocaust include _____

ERETZ YISRAEL

About the creation of the State of Israel in 1948, I remember _____

The significance of the State of Israel to me is _____

My first trip to Israel was _____

*To learn the whole Talmud is a great accomplishment;
to learn one good virtue is even greater.
(Yiddish saying)*



INTERESTING TIDBITS

My Mishegoss

My favorite season is _____ because _____

My favorite time of day is _____ because _____

My favorite book is _____
because _____

My favorite flower is _____

My favorite comfort foods are _____

My favorite color is _____

My favorite smell is _____

When I was a child, I was afraid of _____

Now I am afraid of _____

I have a superstition about _____

I ran away from _____ when _____

My preference in music is _____

My favorite singer is _____

My favorite musician/band is _____

My favorite TV/radio show when I was growing up was _____

The kinds of movies I like best are _____

My favorite sports team is _____

*Every person has his own mishegoss (idiosyncrasies).
(Yiddish saying)*