

Reviews of the *Grandparent's Memory Book for Jewish Families*

This well-thought-out and attractively designed book features fill-in-the-blank pages on topics from family history to religious identity, favorite things and memories of family holidays, to thoughts on being a grandparent. Questions also explore family medical history and give grandparents an opportunity to share thoughts, wishes and words of wisdom for their grandchildren as they grow. --

Jewish Women International

At last! Grandparents can easily record life histories, values, connections to Judaism and Israel, and words of wisdom for their grandchildren. Simple prompts ("Growing up Jewish meant that _____") elicit memories of relatives, holidays, and family traditions. Preserve birthdays, Hebrew names, yahrzeits, and more. With a beautiful family tree, each book is for one grandparent to complete. Winner of a Solomon Schechter Gold with Distinction Award from USCJ. --**Hadassah Magazine**

A 72-page book with a family tree created by internationally known artist Tamar Fishman. The work is peppered with quotations from the Bible and Talmud and with Yiddish sayings. Chapters include In the Beginning (Birth to 12 Years), My Teen Years, My Adult Years, Generations, Holidays and Traditions, On Being Jewish, How Times Have Changed, and Lasting Thoughts, among its 14 sections. A wonderful vehicle to record family and Jewish history. --**Washington Jewish Week**

This workbook is designed to open a dialogue between grandparent and grandchild about what life was like when the grandparent was growing up. Many of these memory books have been published in recent years, but, in addition to factual information, this one seeks to hone in on those experiences that are typical in a modern Jewish home....it asks some interesting questions such as, During times of personal difficulty, I turn to _____, and, Things that we had then but that we don't have now are _____. Such open-ended questions will spark good conversations and help adults pass along their memories, wisdom, and observations about the world. A family tree is included in the middle of the book. Quotes from Jewish sources in English and Hebrew or Yiddish pepper the pages and give additional fuel for discussion. There are pages for photographs and recipes, and in the tradition of the living will, the book ends with a section for grandparents to write the thoughts they would like to leave for their grandchildren. They are asked to write what they want their grandchildren to remember most about them and what words of advice they want to share as well as the hopes and dreams they have for future generations. The authors admonish the reader that this should not be filled out in one sitting and might be best done as a family exercise, sparking discussion about old memories and fostering new ones. --**Jewish Book World**

The Grandparent's Book is a perfect way to cherish family memories and record special thoughts and events. I like that it can be filled out individually or as a family. It can be used as a jumping off point for conversation or as a reference for the future. The book is well thought out and provides ample opportunity to share stories that can be passed down from generation to generation. It's a wonderful, timeless, treasure.--**Buyer**

I shared this book with my grandchildren and had the best time, bonding with them. As I turned the pages and answered the questions, I told stories about my family members and my childhood, as well as what being Jewish means to me. --**Buyer**