

L'Dor Vador Oral History Project
B'nai Yehuda Beth Sholom

Please return this **Pre-Interview Questionnaire** to the temple office a week before your oral history (1424 W. 183rd Street, Homewood, IL 60430).

Dear _____,

Thank you for sharing your life story and wisdom! You are important to our Jewish community. We look forward to video-recording your interview as part of the congregation-wide *L'Dor Vador Oral History Project*, and to hearing your memories of people, events, thoughts, and feelings.

To help us to prepare for your oral history, please start retrieving memories by filling out and returning this four-page questionnaire. Feel free to write on the back if space is not sufficient.

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Maiden)

(Hebrew Name) (Named After Anyone?) (Nickname?)

Year of Birth, Place of Birth _____

Where have you lived? _____
(Places and Approximate Dates)

Schools Attended, Degrees _____

Your Occupation(s): _____

Brief Employment History: _____

Community-Service Activities _____

Synagogue Affiliations and Involvement: _____

Military Service: _____

(Branch of service, duties, dates)

What languages were spoken in your home as a child? _____

What activities did you enjoy as a child? _____

How did your parents earn a living? _____

When did you or family come to America? From where? Who arrived first?

Please circle yes or no for the following questions.

Did your parents have any favorite sayings or proverbs? Yes No

Did they have any favorite Yiddish or foreign-language phrases? Yes No

Do you recall any foods, music, or customs that were special to you as a child? Yes No

Do you know of any legends or stories of the past that have been told and retold in your family? Yes No

Remember any stories about your mother or father when they were young? Yes No

Is there a story of how your parents or you came to America? Yes No

Are you a survivor or refugee from the Holocaust? Yes No

Were you involved in founding BYBS, B'nai Yehuda, or Beth Sholom? Yes No

Do you recall any stories from the early days of these temples? Any important meetings about the direction or founding of the congregation(s)? (See page 3) Yes No

Are there any favorite stories that you'd like to tell your interviewer? Any old photos or documents that you would like to bring? See page 3.

History of the Congregation

(Hyde Park Liberal Congregation, Temple B'nai Yehuda,
Congregation Beth Sholom, B'nai Yehuda Beth Sholom)

If you recall attending or participating in important meetings, discussions, actions, or decisions that changed our congregational history, please identify the most noteworthy here by:

- A. Approximate date;**
- B. Congregation;**
- C. Subject matter and key participants (be brief!).**

I would like to bring historical documents, objects, or old photos, including:

Family Tree for _____

Your Name

Spouse's Name

Wedding Date and Place

Your Children and Year of Birth

Your Mother's Name

Your Father's Name

Their Wedding Date and Place if known

Their Children (Your Siblings)

Thank you!