

Student's Name: _____
Date of interview: _____

FAMILY INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

This is an interview of my _____.

His/Her name is _____.

When and where were you born?

When and where have you lived?

Can you tell me any stories about your life?

Can you tell me:

- About your childhood—school, chores, hobbies, games, pastimes?

- [If your interviewee is Jewish] Did you have a bar or bat mitzvah? Can you tell me about it? Was it different from how I will celebrate becoming bar or bat mitzvah?

- [If your interviewee isn't Jewish] Did you celebrate another major lifecycle event before becoming an adult? Were you confirmed or baptized (as a teen)? How was that similar to/different from my becoming a bar or bat mitzvah?

○ About any major journeys you have taken—how did you travel, with whom, and why? Was the trip or destination like you expected?

○ About your adult life—what kind of work did you do, if/when you were married, what kind of family life you had, what you did for fun?

○ Did you ever change your name? Why? How did you feel about that?

Is there anything else you can add that will give a clearer picture of your life and times?