

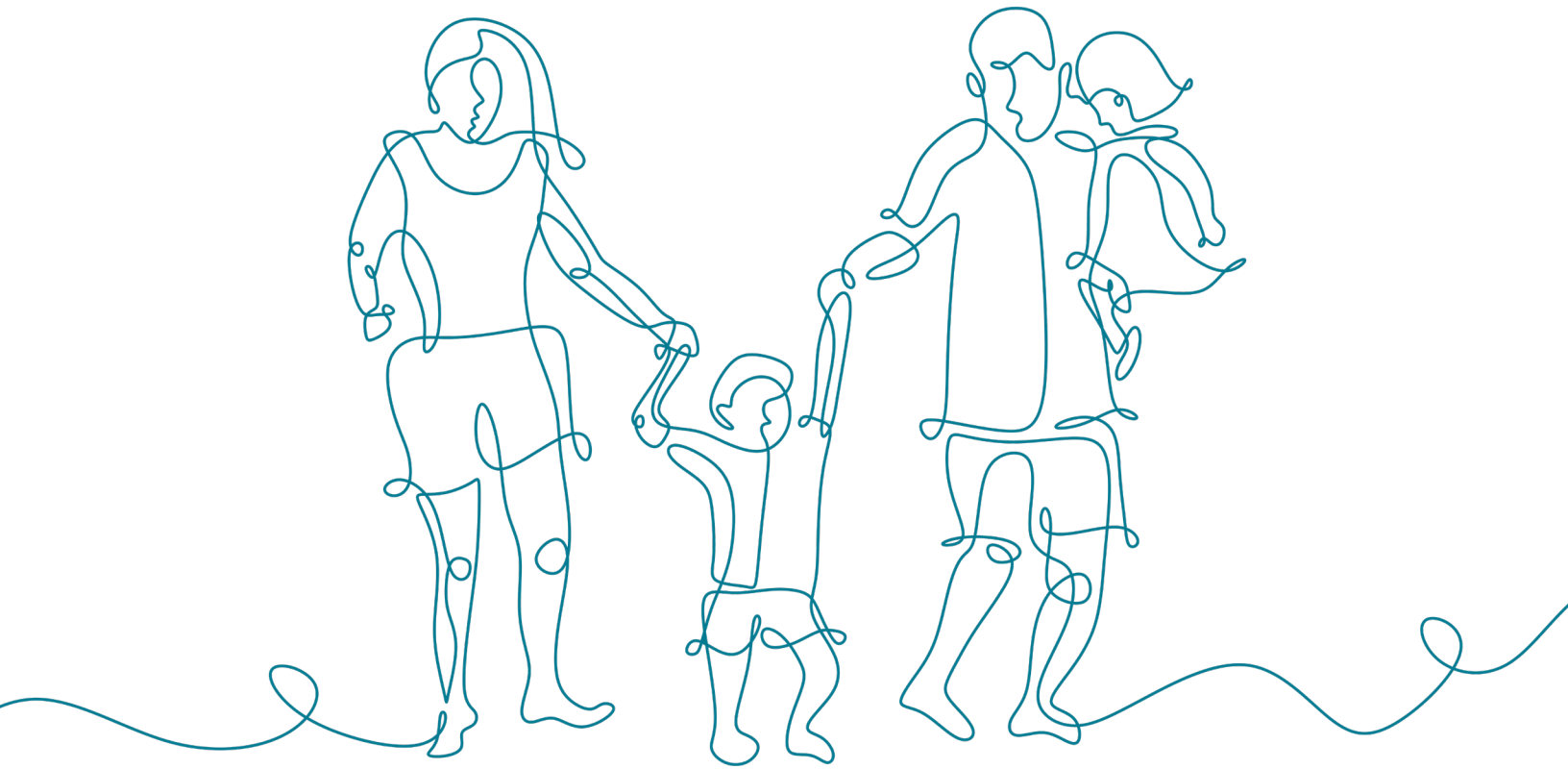


# My Legacy Story

A gift from our family to yours  
— The Foundation of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation

# My Legacy Story Is Dedicated to

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As my ancestors planted for me, so too I plant for my children and my children's children.

— Talmud

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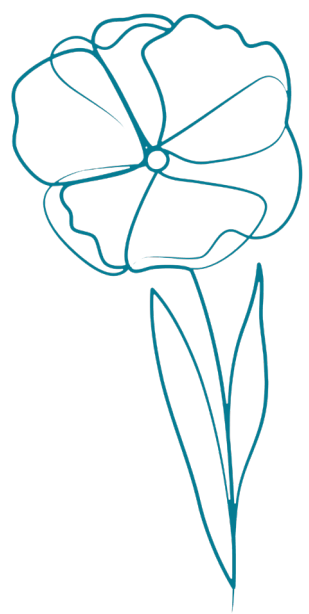
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# Our History

My history is your history.

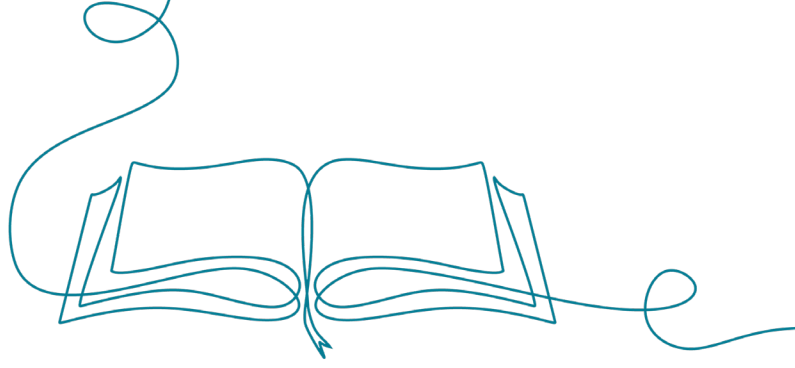
It's important for you to know a few things about our family.

Our family first came to the United States in the year  
and they settled in

Our family originated from

Many stories have been passed down about  
my parents, grandparents and distant relatives.  
I want to share these stories with you.



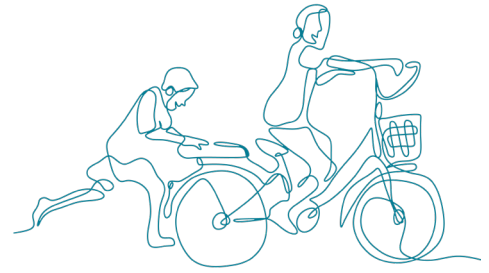


Through the generations, these special items and heirlooms have been passed down:

Whether it began yesterday or many generations ago, this is what I know about my family's Jewish history and lineage:

# My Childhood

Every story has a beginning.  
Here's mine.



I was born in \_\_\_\_\_  
(City, State/Country)

on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

to \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parents' Names)

I was given the Jewish name \_\_\_\_\_

I was named after \_\_\_\_\_

This is what I was told about the day I was born:

One of my earliest and most cherished memories is \_\_\_\_\_

My classmates from school would remember me as \_\_\_\_\_

When I was growing up, my favorite thing about being Jewish was \_\_\_\_\_

My *B'nai Mitzvah* was on

(Date)

at

(Name of Synagogue, City, State/Country)

and it was a special time in my life because

Childhood is a time to play, learn and grow. That was many years ago, but one lesson that has always stayed with me is



# My Loved Ones

I want to tell you about my family, friends and mentors.



My parents taught me the importance of

My most significant relationship has been with

We met when

My favorite thing about this person is/was





My children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews have brought great joy to my life.  
My hope for them is that they

These are the mentors that helped shape my Jewish identity

They taught me

My longest or closest friend is

Our friendship is important to me because

# My Journey

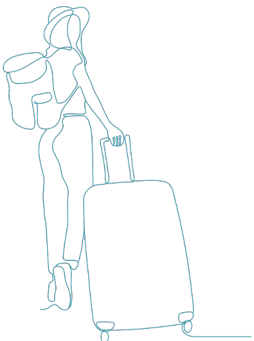
I've experienced great joy, adventure and hardship along the way.

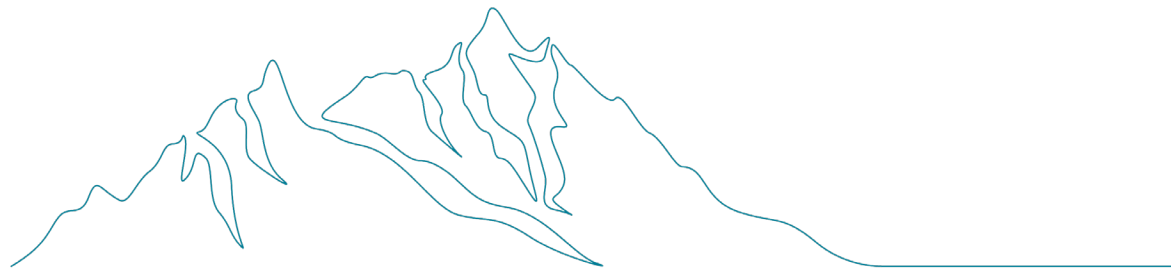
The happiest days of my life were when

Some of my most memorable travels have been to

My most important/cherished Jewish experience was when

My greatest adventure was when





The most difficult time in my life was when

I overcame it by

As I look to the future, I still have much to see and do! I plan to

# Facts About Me



I want to share some details about my life with you.

If I entered a talent show, my talent would be

My favorite song is

My favorite Jewish holiday is

because

My favorite book is

I want to learn how to

My favorite Jewish food is

I once won an award for

I am most proud of

My favorite family recipe is

My favorite Jewish (or non-Jewish) quote is

My first car was

My first job was

My worst job was

My favorite color is

My pet peeve is

My favorite sport is

My favorite season is

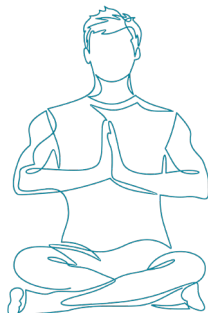
My favorite sound is

The chore I always put off is

I am most afraid of

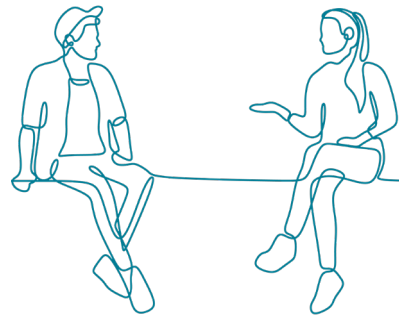
My hero is

because



# A Word of Advice

I have learned many things along the way.  
I want to share some of that wisdom with you.



The best advice I was ever given was from  
This person told me to

The hardest lesson I ever learned was when

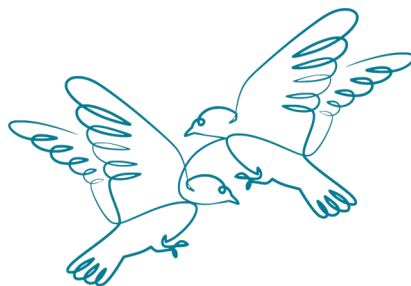
Being Jewish has taught me many things. One of the most important is

My advice for someone who has just graduated from college is to

My advice for a newly married couple is to

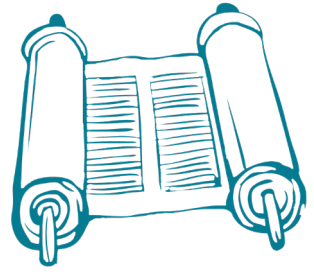
My advice for a new parent is to

Most importantly, never forget to



# My Legacy

My beliefs and values have been guiding principles in my life. I hope my story inspires yours.



The principles that have guided me in my life are

Looking back, what I like most about how I have spent my time is

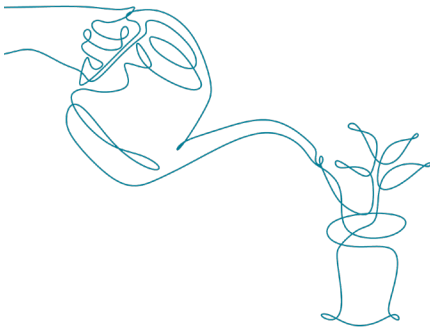
My greatest accomplishment(s) has/have been

Judaism has shaped my values in the following ways:



*Tzedakah*, defined as justice or righteousness (e.g., philanthropy or volunteerism), is an important value to me because

My favorite way to practice *tikkun olam* (repairing the world) is to



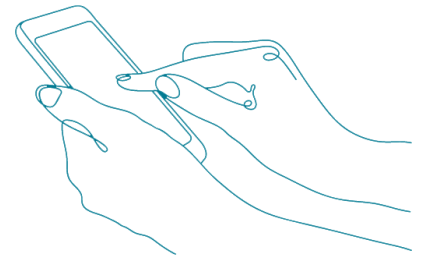
That is why the following causes/organizations have been so important in my life:

My hope for the future is a world in which

# Current Events

Today's date

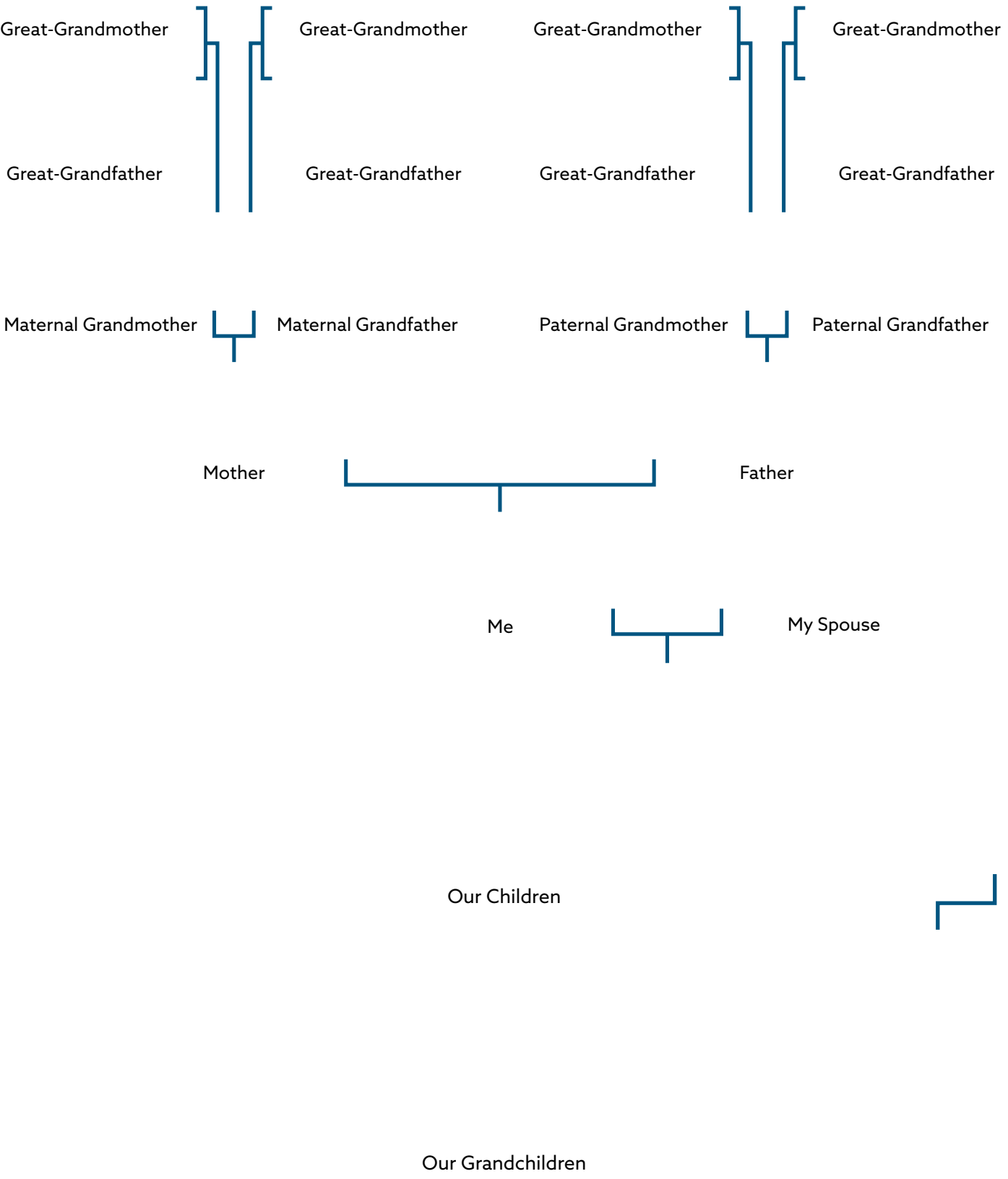
During this time, I am most concerned about



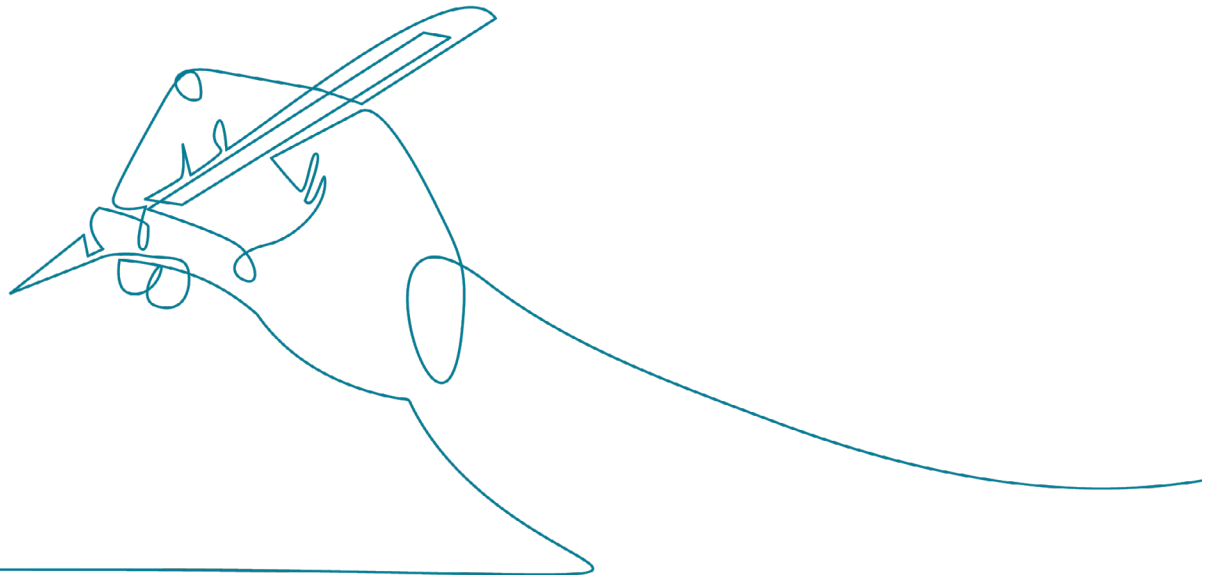
The Jewish community is coming together to care for one another in the following ways:

I predict these events will change the world in the following ways:

# My Family



I hope my Legacy Story inspires you to write your own.  
May each of your chapters be filled with love,  
courage and cherished memories.



If I am not for me, who is for me; and if I am (only)  
for myself, what am I. And if not now, when?

— Hillel, Ethics of the Fathers, 1:14

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