

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR ORAL HISTORIES

1. I am Madeline Bernstein I am conducting an interview
with Elaine Benovitz Bornstein for the JFVS archives
on 2001.

2. Can you tell me how and why your family originally came to this country and when?

My grandparents came from Russia. My parents and children were born in the United States.

3. What were your parents' names and where were they born?

My parents are Pearl and David Benovitz.

4. What is your birth date? What language(s) were spoken in your home? Where did you live then? Who lived in the same house with you – Grandparents? Uncles/aunts? Brothers? Sisters?

English was spoken in our home, and I have one brother and one sister.

5. What was your neighborhood like? Were there other Jews living in the neighborhood? Did you walk to school? Sunday School? Temple? Was there a neighborhood grocery? Drug store?

I lived in a residential area, but not all of the families were Jewish. I walked to school, Sunday and Hebrew school, the grocery store and all kinds of stores on Bardstown road.

6. How did the 1937 flood affect you and your family?

Not asked during this interview.

7. If you wished to travel what kind of transportation did you use? Did you travel when you were young? If so, where?

My family had a car, but we took trips by train.

8. Was your family involved in a synagogue / temple?

I graduated Sunday school at Keneseth.

9. What holidays and rituals were observed?

N/A

10. Did you attend religious school? Were you confirmed? Bar Mitzvah?

N/A

11. What is your educational background? What was your career?

I had one year at the University of Louisville.

12. What brought you to Louisville and when did you come?

N/A

**13. How did you meet your husband/wife? Where and when were you married?
Did you have children?**

N/A

14. Tell about your involvement in the Jewish Community? Was your whole family involved?

I belong to all the Jewish organizations and worked for them, and worked for UJA.

15. How was your family affected by the World Wars? Wars in Israel?

N/A

16. What are your favorite spiritual memories? How did religion affect your life?

My favorite spiritual memories are weddings, Seders, and Jewish holidays.

17. What interests do you have?

I enjoy golf, bridge, and visits to elderly people in nursing homes.

18. What are your favorite family memories?

Jewish holidays have my favorite memories.

19. What is your legacy? How would you like to be remembered? What values would you like to pass on to those you leave behind?

I would like to be remembered for my good character and good moral values that I want to pass on.

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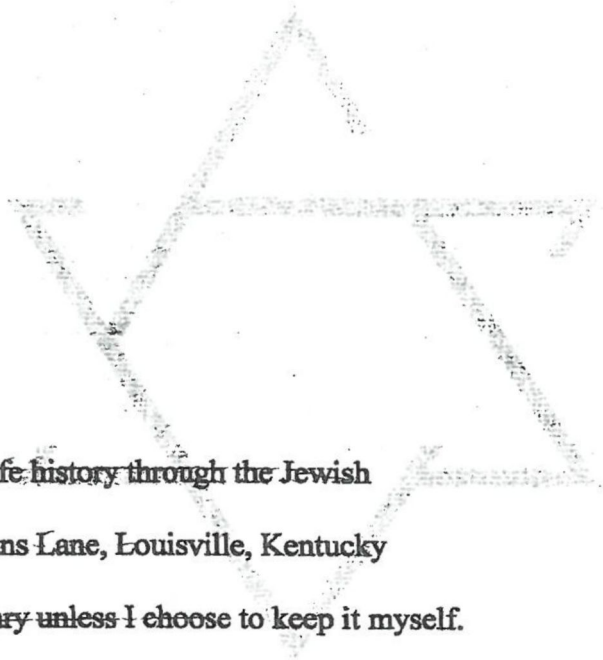
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Elaine B. Bornstein
Participant

Madeline Bernstein
Witness

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