

Interview a Refusenik or Activist Form

1. Fill out the information below.

Student Information-

First Name:

Last Name:

School:

Grade:

State:

Adult Information-

First Name:

Last Name:

Maiden Name / Previous last name, if changed:

Year of birth:

Country of birth:

City of birth:

Email Address:

2. Conduct an interview using the following questions:

- Where were you and how old were you when your story took place?
What happened leading up to it? How did you feel?
- Was there someone who helped you along the way? How did they help?
- What was the hardest or scariest part of the story for you? Are there things that are hard to remember?
- What is a fond memory that you have of that time that connects to your story? How was it significant? Does it affect your life today?
- Do you have a specific memory that has impacted your connection to the Jewish people. Why is this memory significant for you?
- When you see examples of injustice today, how does it make you feel? What do you do? Do you have ideas for what I could do?
- Do you have any questions you would like to ask me?
- Consider re-asking any questions you need repeated. Names of people, dates, details that were unclear.
- Is there a photographic documentation of the experience / memory? Scan the pictures. Send them to Mail, the WhatsApp group, or upload to the group site.

3. Read the topics listed on the chart below. Highlight 1-3 words which best describe the central themes in your story.

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| Holidays | Community | Education | History |
| Identity | Love | Profession | Health |
| Arts and Culture | Children | Judaism | Home and Family |
| Names | Volunteering | Childhood | Other: |

4. **Create a story:** Write down your story. Be careful to document as much of the story and mention as many details as possible. This includes: family names, places and dates, etc. If possible, include a picture of the person or a picture of the two of you together. Consider including or highlighting a quote from them that was special or meaningful.