



Book of Life

Guidelines for Your Personal Page

Each page in the Book of Life has space for a brief statement from you (up to 150 words) about yourself, your family or philosophy, which can serve as a message for future generations.

Here are some suggestions to help you make the most satisfying use of that space:

1. Instead of trying to compose just the right number of words for the page, take a separate sheet of paper and **write** as much as you want. It's much simpler to take what you've written, make choices, and edit the long story down to a short one.

There is no required formula or guidelines for the type of material you may want to include in your entry. However, you could answer any of the following:

- When did your family arrive in the U.S. and from where?
 - What or who were your greatest influences in shaping your Jewish identity and/or commitment to supporting the Jewish community?
 - What is most significant to you about being Jewish?
 - How would you like to be remembered?
 - What are your hopes for the Jewish community of the future?
 - Why did you choose to make this legacy gift commitment?
 - What do you hope to accomplish with this gift?
 - Is there anything else you would like to mention?
2. **Create** your 150-word statement based upon the above.
 3. **Include** a photograph to be scanned and printed on your page. Photos will be handled with care and returned.
 4. **Submit** your statement and photograph to Scott Kaplan at skaplan@jewishwesternmass.org.
Contact Scott Kaplan at 413-732-9994 if you need assistance in the meantime.