

Smile On Seniors Presents:

## Recorded Interview Program

## YOUR Life Story. In YOUR Voice.

*Give your family the gift of your life story. Don't leave them with unanswered questions.* 

- No background or affiliation required
- Interviews are not published
- Receive a recorded copy of your interview
- Interviews take place in Scottsdale
- No Charge
- By Appointment Only

Interviews are conducted by Avie Guttman; A qualified and experienced volunteer of Smile On Seniors. Contact Avie Guttman to schedule your interview: (480) 656-0717 avie@sosaz.org

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After moving to Scottsdale five years ago I realized that there were many seniors living here. Everywhere I went to, doctors offices, stores and restaurants. I kept saying to my husband, these are the people I want to interview now. I had been doing interviews in S. Barbara, California but they were historical in nature.

I knew no one here in Phoenix. I knew that a quiet place was necessary. I needed a venue

where people met. I needed the equipment. I needed a tech guy.

Then it all fell into place. I met Rabbi Levi. I liked the whole purpose of Smile On Seniors. I started attending events. I mentioned the purposed interviews and Rabbi Levi and Chani immediately responded positively to the idea. Everything I needed was provided. The tech guy is Rabbi Levi.

All I needed now were the interviewees. We started with the SOS lunch group a few months ago. Everyone I interviewed understood the purpose and came prepared. It was a gratifying experience on both sides.

All interviews are completely private and confidential. The recorded interviews go to Rabbi Levi when they are completed. He makes the magic happen by putting them into disc form along with your photo taken on the day of the interview. They are also being backed up on a computer where they will remain untouched, in case there is a loss of your original disc.

What you will need to do is to make an appointment. The interviews take about one hour and take place in the library (Jewish Learning Center) at the Scottsdale Chabad. Everyone is requested to bring heritage material, if possible, that will bring further meaning to the recording. Also, an inspiring message to end the interview. The questions and follow-ups were designed to bring out all the highlights in your life. No need to worry about the questions, they are all easy to answer. If you don't want to answer a question, it can be avoided. The more you reveal the better the interview.

Why do the recording? Do you want to leave your children, your descendants with unanswered questions? Often letters or diaries are lost leaving no way to discover what your parents life was all about. Give your children a precious gift of your story in your voice with this SOS program. What would you give for the opportunity to ask your parents questions you never asked? Tell your friends and relatives too. It is not necessary to be involved with SOS or Chabad to be part of the program.

Avie Guttman

## DON'T JUST TAKE Our word for IT...

It was a very good experience. Avie made me feel very comfortable from the first minute we sat down to talk. She asked me questions which were very helpful to get me started. I thought I wouldn't remember much but once the questions started it was easy to answer them. I recommend this to everyone. It will be nice to have my children and grandchildren hear my voice when they listen to the recording. - **Elaine Kates** 

It was a lovely experience to be interviewed by Avie. She guided me through my life with ease and comfort. Her questions made it easy to trigger memories of the past. She is a true professional and I recommend her to anyone who would like a delightful experience in sharing their life on tape in a completely safe and caring environment.

- Laurie Checkoway

Guided by Mrs. Guttman, I was encouraged to review episodes of my life that I had long forgotten. It was a rewarding experience. - Dan Dworkin

I did not know how this would turn out but am glad I did it. I believe my kids and grand kids will get to know me a little better. **- Bob Johnson** 

Avie was better than Barbara Walters! - Dr. Murray S.

Due to the nature of Avie's ability to conduct interviews which elicits the unexpected and spontaneous questions she asks in response to your answers, you will leave your loved ones smiling, laughing and of course in tears. Avie has a way of bringing out every emotion, lasting and happy words till the end of our day on earth! It's like leaving a gift of yourself to your immediate family, it is just for them. **- Susan Johnson**