



## Share Your Story

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*'Human life is conducted through story which comes naturally to us'*

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Dear Friends,

Only three weeks have passed since our Zoom meeting which launched our international project on **Sharing Your Stories**, attended by a wonderful group of sixty Southern Africans from all over!

Five members of the group read the stories/poem they'd written, and from the response of so many of you, all these brave readers managed to convey the wonderful feeling of satisfaction that comes from writing and sharing their efforts.

It is indeed an exciting time being able to develop our creativity and sharing as part of the **CHOL (Community History Online)** for preserving the footprints of South African Jewish Community for future generations.

Since the meeting, I have received **8 new stories**. The stories are varied and mostly relate to family members and roots although the story on 'Sport in the Sixties', is definitely a fine example of history of times gone. They have been published today on our website, by our special man in Delaware, USA, Bramie Lenhoff!

The stories:

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| 1) <b>Sheila Swartzman</b>     | A Death in the Family       |
| 2) <b>Stanley Loon</b>         | Sport in the Sixties        |
| 3) <b>Brian Binyamin Meyer</b> | Table Mountain              |
| 4) <b>Margaret Green</b>       | Finding Borys Tolczynski    |
| 5) <b>Richelle Shem-Tov</b>    | Branches on a Family Tree   |
| 6) <b>Fonda Dubb</b>           | Creating a Coexistence      |
| 7) <b>Solly Kaplinski</b>      | A World of Pains            |
| 8) <b>David Kaplan</b>         | Rebels with an Unjust Cause |

**The site for reading these and the previous stories:** <https://www.chol.website/stories.htm>

**I have included the addresses of the writers of these stories in the Email. You are welcome to comment individually to the various writers.**

Our next Zoom meeting will be held on **Monday, 24th October**. The times and link will be sent out in the next week or so. The time of the meeting has been adjusted to include our Australian/New Zealand friends!

It would be wonderful to receive your stories. You are invited to read them to us in future meetings. (if you are willing to read them, please indicate this in your reply letter to me.

I have been in touch with many of you personally and have the feeling that there are stories 'on the tip of your tongue' right now. Feel free to forward them on to me!

And now, a lovely quote from an international storytelling conference some years ago.

*Human life is conducted through story, which comes naturally to us. Sharing stories is arguably the most important way we have of communicating with others about who we are and what we believe; about what we are doing and have done; about our hopes and fears; about what we value and what we don't. We learn about and make sense of our lives by telling the stories that we live; and we learn about other lives by listening to the stories told by others*

## **Shana Tova!**

May the coming year be filled with good health, happiness and peace.

Hopefully, our group will be a terrific meeting place for us all to share...

Warm Wishes,

Gail