

Writing to Remember (Blue Section)

Writing your own story

The purpose of this seminar is to write about your life, share your writing with seminar members, and hear their stories.

Moderator:	Henia Lewin
Co-Moderator:	Carol Jolly
Day and Time:	Monday 1:30-3:30 PM 10 weeks, starting February 19, 2018
Location:	Lilly Library Reading Room, Florence

Description: Whatever we call the form – autobiography, memoir, personal history, family history – writing about one’s life is a powerful human need. Many people want to leave behind some record of their accomplishments, thoughts and adventures. If it’s a family history it will have the added value of telling one’s children and grandchildren about their heritage.

Writers are the custodians of memory, and memories have a way of dying with their owner. One of the saddest sentences we know is, “I wish I had asked my mother about that.” In this seminar, you’ll enjoy writing about your life, as well as hearing the stories of other people’s lives. The atmosphere is relaxed, but the serious efforts of all concerned help to make this a rewarding experience for the whole group.

Format: Each participant is expected to write at home about his or her life whether through anecdotes, letters, conversations, or in full detail. During the semester everyone will be given two opportunities to read aloud from his or her prepared texts and to contribute to the discussions that follow.

Role of participants: To prepare and present two original pieces.

Resources: N/A

About the Moderator(s):

Henia Lewin taught Hebrew and Yiddish and received a Covenant Award as an Outstanding Jewish Educator in North America. She is a Holocaust child-survivor working on her autobiography with the encouragement of this seminar’s participants.

Carol Jolly has served on several LIR committees, on Council, and as an officer. After sampling (and enjoying) a wide variety of seminars and even moderating a few, she took Writing to Remember in the Fall of 2016, and now looks forward to continuing to work on her story.

Maximum number of participants: 12 **Emeriti accepted:** no

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