

## From Memory to History

We have talked about individuals carrying forward or leaving behind certain experiences and/or memories. The same can be said for the story of a people or of humanity as a whole. As you listen to the Interview with Rabbi Irwin Kula, reflect on the first two questions in this handout about learning history. According to Rabbi Kula, we ultimately need to choose from the vast detail of history what we will carry with us and what we “say goodbye to.”

1. What is the source of your historical information?
2. How is it decided what information is left in and what’s omitted? Who decides?
3. If you were forced to leave this country tomorrow with one small suitcase, what would you bring with you and why?
4. Think about your role as the transmitter of your memories, culture, and heritage to your future children. Do you think your choices would change? Why or why not?
5. Your class has been charged with creating a time capsule that will convey your culture to the inhabitants of this area in 100 years. What would you include and why?