

Thank You To all of this year's signers for participating in

EBOL WEEK 2021

Starting Monday, October 25, and for the entire week following, we dedicated all of our communication channels to these six amazing people. The Foundation's social media, directed email and print advertising encouraged all to visit our website and discover these inspirational life stories. Each day of the week, one story could be found on page B3 of the Winnipeg Free Press, topping off the experience and bringing our signers' stories to our entire Manitoba community.

Year after year, the importance of the commitment these individuals have made remains the same. Endowment Book of Life Signers will leave both a financial and historical legacy to our community. Their commitment is a gift to our children, grandchildren, and all of our families' future generations.

Below you will find a short excerpt from each signer's story. We encourage you to read them all, then visit bookoflife.jewishfoundation.org to read them all in their entirety!



**SANDRA
CAPLAN**

It is with mixed emotions that I write this story for the Endowment Book of Life. On June 2, 2017, my beloved husband, Barry Caplan, passed away after a very short battle with lung cancer. We were married for 58 wonderful years and always discussed all important matters together. Today, as I attempt to write this on my own, it is with a sense of loss and sadness, but also with a sense of joy that allows me to remember the great happiness in my life.

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**MIRIAM
KOHN**

My parents were amazing, outgoing, incredibly hardworking people. They both came to Canada from Europe, met and married in Winnipeg and created a life of opportunity for my brothers and me. I chose to be part of the Book of Life to tell their story, especially how their influence shaped my life, my family and my community.

My father, Samuel Michael Kohn, was born in Russia. In 1912, when he was two years old...

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**DOROTHY KOTLER
IN MEMORY OF
JOSEPH MEYER FREIDEN**

Joseph Meyer Freiden was born in 1890 in the port of Nikolaev on the Black Sea, not far from Odessa. It was a major centre for Russian Jewry confined to living within the Pale of Settlement in those days.

In 1913 he emigrated to flee the pogroms that were becoming increasingly prevalent and, as a pacifist, to avoid the 25-year Russian military conscription.

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**IAN
RABB**

The most important things Ian Rabb has learned in the past 20 years of his life is that the journey is often more important than the destination, and that it's important to be open to life's lessons, no matter how harsh they can be.

Having been sober for many years, Ian is now able to look back at the pivotal turning points in his life that have ultimately led him to where he is today; a man who has dedicated the most recent chapter of his life to the service of others...

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**DONNI
STERN**

I was born in Calgary, Alberta on Oct 31, 1934. I am the youngest daughter of Mendel (Max) and Lena (Speir) Belzberg. My maternal grandparents came from the Romanian region of Austria. There are many stories and mysteries about when and how they made it to Canada, with my mother's father arriving first and other members, including my grandmother and 3 children coming later. They had 2 daughters in Canada; one was my mother, born in Toronto, 1906.

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**HARRIET AND
ALEX ZIMMER**

The family 'Roots' projects, researched by their children in elementary school, lie on the table, rich references to assist in writing the story of Alex and Harriet Zimmer. The diverse Jewish stories of their forebears converge to author their own unique chapter in their families' histories. A 'made in Manitoba, stayed in Manitoba' story of love, lovingkindness and menschlichkeit.

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