

## ASSIGNMENT 1 (Time)

### What If I Could Interview You Again? Crafting New Questions

This assignment challenges students to engage critically and empathetically with the post-war experiences of Holocaust survivors in Latin America. Through background research on Jewish immigration and historical events in Argentina and Bolivia, they will refine their historical inquiry skills and learn to craft thoughtful, open-ended questions. This exercise also encourages sensitivity to trauma narratives, fostering a nuanced approach to survivor testimony and oral history methodologies.

#### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Imagine you are preparing to interview Fiszel, Sara, and Paja, with a focus on their experiences in the post-war years. Your goal is to create a series of 10 to 12 open-ended questions that explore the survivors' journeys within entirely different cultural, political, and social contexts.
2. The questions may be tailored to each survivor's unique experiences, or you can create a set that applies to all. If possible, please present the questions in both English and Yiddish.
3. To formulate your questions, begin by conducting background research on Jewish immigration to Latin America, particularly before and after World War II. Familiarize yourself with significant historical events in Argentina and Bolivia throughout the 20th century, as this knowledge will provide essential context for understanding the survivors' experiences.
4. Your questions should seek to uncover how each survivor adjusted to life in Latin America, how their identities transformed over time, and how they balanced memories of the Holocaust with the unique challenges and opportunities presented by their new environment.
5. Aim to craft questions that allow the survivors to share their stories in a manner that feels natural and comfortable for them. Focus on open-ended inquiries that encourage reflection on their complex journeys, while avoiding leading questions or overly specific prompts.
6. Additionally, be mindful of the sensitivity surrounding traumatic memories. Frame your questions to empower the survivors to choose how much detail to share and ensure a respectful and empathetic approach to their narratives.