

Interview Worksheet: Family Names

What do you know about our family's surnames (last names)? Do you know where they come from and what they mean? (You can also refer to the ANU database if you don't know the answers here.)

Do you know if anyone in our family changed their surname or first name? If so, tell me the story of why.

Who picked out my first and middle names? My Hebrew/Jewish ritual name? Was I named for someone? If so, who? What is the story of my name?

Are there other naming traditions in our family?

What other interesting stories can you tell me about names in our family?

Follow up or additional questions:

List of questions I still need answers to (from Name Worksheet completed in class):

As you are writing the answers, think about what images, symbols, songs, maps, objects or other items might represent the stories of your family names. (This will plant the seeds for the creative culminating project.)