ELUL STORIES
Sharing our stories, sharing lives, creating community

Elul is the month leading up to Rosh HaShanah. Each day during the month, a different Temple Beth Torah congregant will share an Ethical Will or portion of one in order to help us prepare for this season of self reflection and personal growth.

Different lessons for different times
Susan Zeide

Dear boys, Most mothers write heart wrenching notes as their final words.....why do they want to wrench their kids hearts?????

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1. Watch and review VCR of your appearance on Romper Room with Miss Molly. you were taught sharing, playing well with others, listening, and life skills....

2. Do NOT watch tape marked .... Parents-Private, you are too young

Page  2 of 4  To Sons Under Age 20
1. Watch VCR of your Bar Mitzvah...remember the joy and remember the pain of those not there.Live the words you recited in your speech.

2. Do NOT watch tape marked.....Parents-Private, still too young

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1. Switched to DVR format not sure of new technology, so if tape blank, talk to each other about what you think I would have said...

2. Do NOT watch tape marked.....Parents-Private not appropriate yet
1. Watch tape marked *Parents-Private* - now you know all our secrets we tried our best, made great choices and mistakes along the way.........

2. Enjoy life
I love you both............MOM

*Susan Zeide and her husband Steve are enjoying retirement. Susan is a regular student in Jewish Tangents and brings wit and humor to her life and ours.*

Would you like to share your Elul Story? Write an ethical will, in the form of a letter, a story or a collections of sayings. Include the "gifts" you would like to leave to your family focusing on the values and character traits which you feel are most important. Send it in its entirety or send a section of it to:  [ravsusie@gmail.com](mailto:ravsusie@gmail.com).

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