

**Interviewez vos proches , une idée
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Yesterday was Mother's Day. Shushan Karapetian, our deputy director and colleague and friend, interviewed her mother-in-law as part of #MyArmenianStory. This, just a week after she interviewed her father-in-law. "So many of his stories I'd heard over these years," she said. "But her stories? I hadn't heard any of them."

"Mom jan, why don't you tell your stories?" she asked. Her mother-in-law's answer? "Well, it's never my turn."

Dear Friends,

History - and our knowledge of it - is shaped by those who record it. The stories of your mothers and sisters and aunts and grandmothers are the record of the history of this nation and this community.

Are they worth recording? If you say yes, then please, go to [Armenian.usc.edu/myarmenianstory](https://armenian.usc.edu/myarmenianstory) and follow the simple guidelines. Sit across them on Zoom or at home, and prompt them to tell their stories. The fun, sad, unexpected, proud, awkward moments that made up their lives. The stories that encompass the struggles, the strength, the courage, and all the rest that is usually not part of dinner table talk. Those are all part of #MyArmenianStory.

Record them now, have them forever, and spur today's and tomorrow's researchers to really delve into this primary source material on the survival and flourishing of a nation and a country.

Great idea - but you'll do it later? Why? What's more important?

Her story is your story.

Happy Mother's Day!

P.S. On **Wednesday, May 13, at 4pm PDT**, we'll be hosting a public Zoom info session to answer all of your technical and logistical questions about #MyArmenianStory. Register [here](#).

— Salpi
