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Exhibition at the Mandel JCC – June 15 through August 2, 2015

This project, a special collaboration between Heights Arts, Lake Erie Ink, and the Mandel Jewish Community Center, seeks to gather stories about how people got to Cleveland: where their parents and grandparents started out, and what brought them from that place then to this place now.

Complete details and project prompts on reverse

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A project facilitator (and artist) will work, in conjunction with Lake Erie Ink, with existing JCC groups of all ages and the general public to gather stories and images about heritage and family history.

Participants choose from a variety of prompts; all asking questions that elicit a personal narrative relating to family history.

Storytelling and illustration (creative writing, poetry, prose and drawing in a variety of mediums) will be made and collected and participants will place pins on a map corresponding to where their family/work they've created is from. From the original body of work created artists and more groups will be invited to respond to it (with more artwork and writing) to be compiled in a book at the end of the summer.

Individuals can participate by picking up a participation form at Heights Arts at 2175 Lee Road, in Cleveland Heights or downloading a participation form online at www.heightsarts.org/exhibitions/here-and-there/ and returning it to Heights Arts for display in the exhibition.

Workshops will be conducted either by both the facilitating artist and Lake Erie Ink teachers or just the artist and Heights Arts (depending on scheduling) and will give the participating group an age appropriate prompt and artistic/writing activity. Artists and writers present will then assist in the making of work. Workshops for groups may be scheduled by calling 216-371-3457 ext 104 or e-mailing Community Outreach Coordinator Kris Platko at kplatko@heightsarts.org.

 Inspiration	 Writing Prompts	 Illustration Prompts
Think of your favorite meal /recipe that you ate as a child.	Describe: was it from a certain holiday or celebration? Were there certain foods that went with it? Do you eat that meal/dish today? Who cooked this for you?	Draw your favorite meal.
Imagine a window you looked out of from a place you have lived.	Describe what you see.	Draw what you see.
Think about a person who has made an impact on your life.	Describe what they look like and sound like. What things did/do they tell you? Describe your first meeting.	Draw what they look like and sound like.
Bring in an object or photograph from your family.	What do you know about it? What do you imagine its story is?	Draw or paint this item.
Draw your family tree (as much as you know).	Describe yourself: what about you reminds you of your family? What about you is uniquely yours?	Draw yourself - what about you reminds you of your family? What about you is uniquely yours?
Think about or imagine a place (city, country) where you think your ancestors are from.	Describe the city. What is there? How do they live? What do they do for work/fun? FOR ADULTS: include some architecture, clothes, food and art etc.	Draw the city. What is there? How do they live? What do they do for work/fun? FOR ADULTS: include some architecture, clothes, food and art etc.
Think of the first home where you remember living.	Describe your home.	Draw your home.
Think of your family story.	Could be your favorite funny anecdote, a tall tale or a very realistic story from your family's past.	Illustrate the story.
Family crest – real or imagined.	What is in it and why?	Draw or paint a family crest for your family.
Think of the meaning of home.	Write about your feelings of being at home/ your sense memories about home and your family.	Create an abstract painting that represents the feeling of being at home/your sense memories about home and your family.