



My Two Cities, a Story of Immigration and Inspiration

In 1938, Hanni Myers and her family escaped from Vienna to the United States at the start of World War II. Eighty years later, Hanni--a vibrant, energetic teacher, musician, hiker, mother and grandmother- told her story to Robin Stein.

The result is their book, *My Two Cities, A Story of Immigration and Inspiration*. Hanni hopes her story will give encouragement and hope to people who immigrate to this country today.

Robin and Hanni will speak to your class or organization about leaving your homeland, starting a new life and honoring your family's traditions. They will explore what it means to be American today and discuss the challenges facing newcomers to our shores.

Robin is an attorney, poet and teacher. She is a member of the Newton, MA Cultural Council and serves as President of Cappella Clausura, a women's chorale ensemble.

For information on *My Two Cities* please visit www.robinsteincreative.com.

MY TWO CITIES –A Story of Immigration and Inspiration by Robin Mayer Stein
Discussion Guide & Topics for Programs

1—Why do people leave their native countries to come to the United States? Why did members of your family come here? What were their hopes and dreams?

2--How do we explore and honor the history of Black Americans whose ancestors did not choose to come here but were brought here as slaves? How has their culture created and enriched American traditions?

3—What were the harsh realities for Jewish people in Europe before and during World War II? How did anti-Jewish laws and attitudes hurt Jewish families?

4—What does the Statue of Liberty symbolize? Why do people all over the world view the United States as the land of opportunity?

5--What are the joys and hardships of creating a life in a new country? How do you keep the traditions of your heritage and learn the customs of a new country?

6--Is the United States a ‘melting pot’ of people from diverse cultures? Have you ever felt that you were an outsider? Have you helped a friend who felt that way?

7—How have the skills, ideas and talents that people bring from all over the world enriched the United States? How does our diversity make us stronger as a nation?

8—How can each of us fight prejudice and discrimination facing immigrants and communities of color? How does voting keep our democracy strong? How can we each do our part to ensure equality for all people in our nation?

9--How can we tell the history of our own families through letters, photographs, diaries, possessions and stories from our relatives?

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