

Introduce Yourself

What's Your Story?

Hi, I'm Pini Herman. I was born in Budapest, Hungary, to Holocaust survivor parents.



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I came to the U.S. as a Hungarian refugee in 1957 and settled with my family in Los Angeles. I attended Orthodox Jewish school through 8th grade, then public school and graduated in 1969 from Fairfax High School in LA. I am 66 years old.

Social activism began in high school and continues to this day. My undergrad degree was in social work at Tel Aviv University specializing in street groups and community organizing. I served in the Israel Defense Forces, IDF, for three years and left at rank of 1st lieutenant. I traveled half a year in South America, returned to Los Angeles and worked with runaways at a youth outreach agency in Hollywood.

I have two master's degrees: one in social work from USC and the other in Jewish communal service from Hebrew Union College. I worked as a planning associate for United Way of LA, staffing the youth violence reduction and aging taskforces. Later, I completed my doctorate in social work at USC with specialization in demographic research. I did a postdoc at USC's Department of Geography in cultural geography and research methodology.

I served as research director of Jewish Federation of Greater LA and undertook several Jewish community and population surveys. I served twice as president of the 30-year-old lay-led Movable Minyan. I am twice divorced, currently single and enjoy being father to two boys ages 12 and 20 who live with me part time.