

## Introduce Yourself: Kim Gold

### What's Your Story?



Hi! My name is Kim Zeitlin Gold. I was born and raised in Phoenix, Arizona. When I was three years old, I became severely hearing impaired. At age 19, I left AZ for the exalted hills of Westwood, graduating from UCLA in 1972 with a BA in political science and boyfriend in tow. I got a master's degree in library science from USC, and then "the boyfriend" became my cute and adorable husband (Victor Gold) in 1974. In 2000, I acquired an MBA from Loyola Marymount University.

I am of Russian Jewish descent on both sides of my family. Both sets of grandparents immigrated to the United States in 1912-14. One of my grandfathers hated the sweatshops and tenements in Newark and wanted to return to Russia. Fortunately, World War I prevented him from going back, or else I wouldn't be writing this story.

My mother's parents settled in a small town in Wisconsin. My mother was one of four children. My dad's parents made their way to Phoenix. In the beginning, my dad's father pedaled fruit, and my grandmother milked cows. They raised 6 children! So my childhood was fun-filled with aunts, uncles and loads of cousins.

Upon graduating from library school, I worked at Los Angeles Public Library for 5 years, and then took an extended sabbatical to raise my kids Michael and Daniel, both of whom attended Temple Emanuel Day School. Temple Emanuel became a special part of our lives. When my

children were older, I organized all the scattered newspaper articles and pieces of information into huge filing cabinets at the Anti-Defamation League, worked my way out of a "job" and then, went on the regional board where I currently serve.

Today, while we remain at Temple Emanuel, I adore ChaiVillageLA. I love many of the activities, especially the current events class and the brown bag short story group. I especially love the community of people I've met.