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A Chapter in the family Story

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The complete guide to DeepStory on MyHeritage



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Do you have a MyHeritage Tree?



Wonderful. This means that you have a user on the MH site and you can use this tree as a base



You need to open a MyHeritage account. Don't worry, you can start with a free account that will serve you for the videos you want to make. You can open a free account [HERE](#)

Setting your site language

My Heritage supports 42 languages, isn't that wonderful? This means you can choose any of these languages for your video. It will be very helpful if you know how to read and write in the designated language.



I personally don't read or write in Russian,(only speak) and yet I managed to make a video in Russian. Let me tell you how.

Well, with a little maneuvering. (This is not a solution for the lazy 😊)

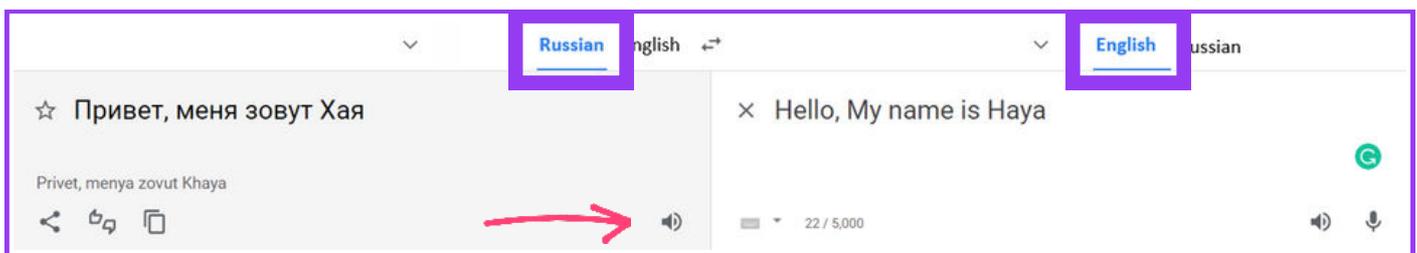
I switched the MyHeritage website to Russian.

The site must be set to the language in which you wish to make your video.

Then I used Google Translate. I wrote the sentence I wanted in English.

Google translated it into Russian, then I used the audio option, and listened to the sentence to make sure it made any sense. Once I was happy with it,

I copied it into the dedicated text box in the video.



Ok, I know I'm a bit ahead of myself, so just remember this tip for later.

As I said, MH supports 42 languages.
Yes yes, I counted and here they are :

Hi!

嗨

Hola!

Select your language

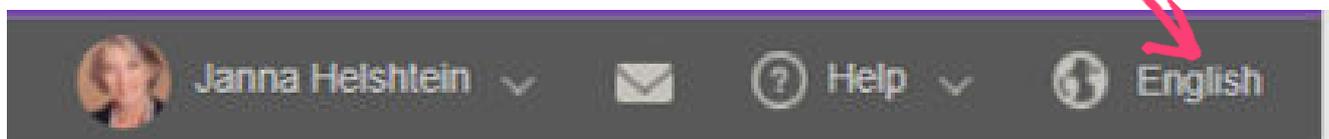
Afrikaans	Italiano	Română	Ελληνικά
Català	Latviešu	македонски	Български
Česky	Lietuvių	Русский	Srpski
Dansk	Magyar	Slovenčina	Українська
Deutsch	Mélayu	Slovenščina	հայերէս
Estonian	Nederlands	Suomi	עברית
English	日本語	Svenska	عربي
Español	Norsk	ไทย	فارسی
Français	Polski	Türkçe	हिन्दी
한국어	Português - Brasil	简体中文	
Hrvatski	Português	繁體中文	

Is your language missing? [Volunteer to help us add it!](#)



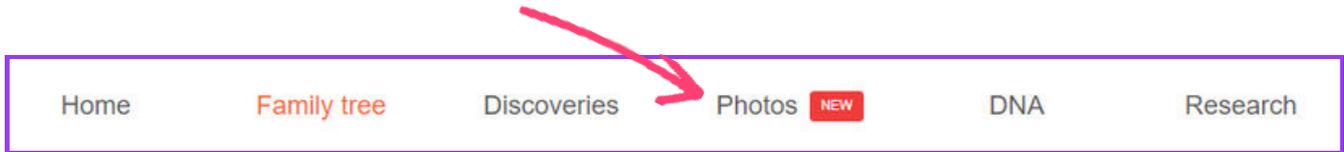
Remember! The site must be set to the language in which you want to make the video, so make sure your site shows the correct language.

When you enter your site, check in the upper bar, where you see your name, you can verify the language your site is set to.



Once you are on the site, pay attention to the bar at the top.

(The examples in the guide are when the website is set to English, but the tools are in the same place no matter which language you choose).



Click on **Photos** and a dialog box will open with different options.

While we're here if you are not yet familiar with the various photo tools on the MH site, I have to tell you about them, with a warning. it's addicting!

You can enhance your photos and more if you wish.

Just so you know:

My photos	←	Your whole photo gallery- if you have one
Photo Tagger	←	Tag photos by people in your tree
Colorize photos	←	Turn your photos from black and white to colored.
Enhance photos	←	Repair damaged, blurry, and scratched images as much as possible.
Animate photos	←	Animate any photo <u>Watch me as a baby</u>
DeepStory	←	Don't worry! I did not forget this is our main goal !
AI Time Machine™	←	As of Dec 2022, this is the latest world craze. Watch yourself change through time.



Here are some examples of me 😊 and there are hundreds more.



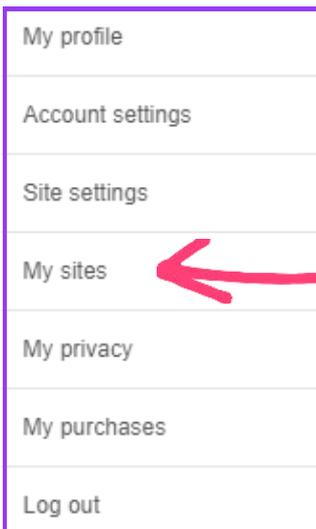
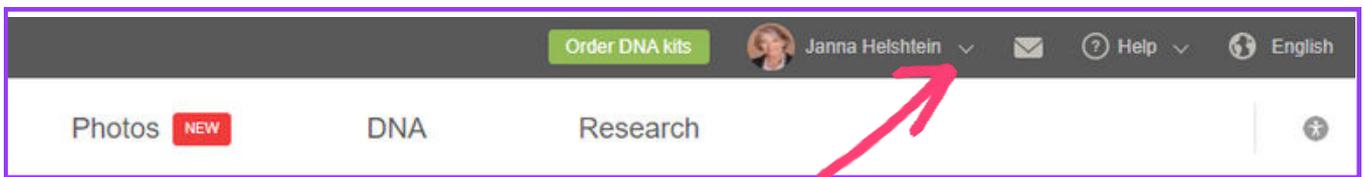
Some basic rules to remember



You must have a profile and be connected to the tree from which the video will take the information so that the software will correctly calculate relationships.

Here's how you make sure:

At the top bar, where your photo is located, click on the small arrow and you will get a list of options to choose from.



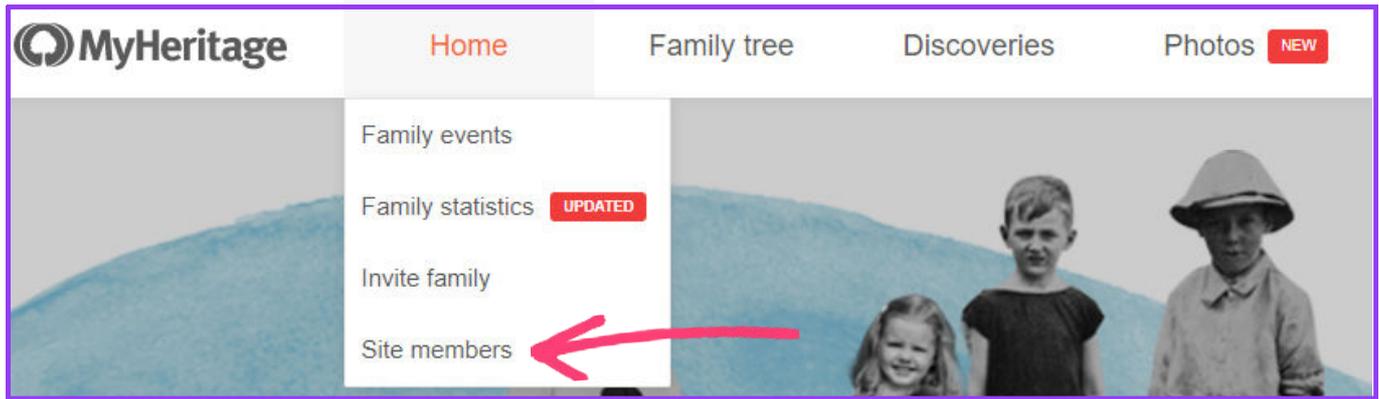
Click on "My Sites".

If you have more than one site or are a member of other sites, all of your sites will appear on the next screen.

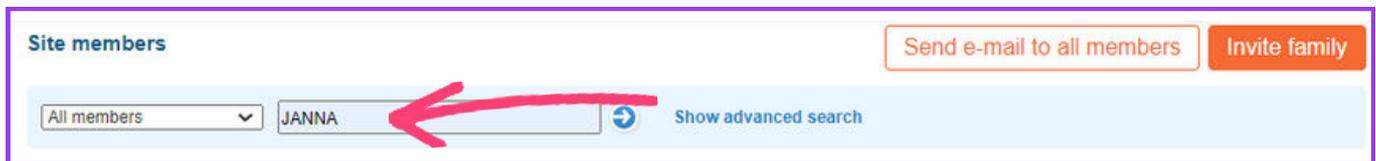


Choose the site that belongs to your family tree, make sure you have a profile in this tree.

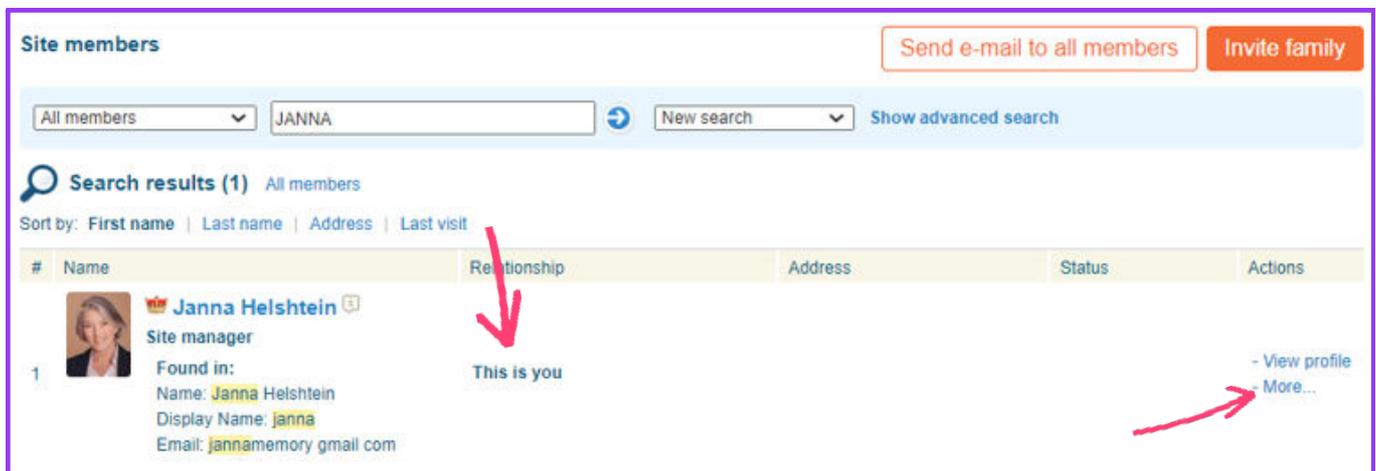
Once you are on your site, click on "home " and from the list of options choose "Site members"



In the search box, type your name (if you already have family members who are members of your site, you will get a list of all of them here)



When your profile comes up, it should say "site manager".
Make sure that in Relationship -it says **This is you**



If you are not recognized, it is simple to fix. Click on the 3 dots under **Actions-More** (on the right)



Click on **Fix relationship**, start typing your name as it is spelled in the family tree, and it will pop up immediately, click on it. Now, you are identified in your family tree and connected to it.



The information in the video is whatever you filled in for that person's profile in the tree. It will come up in chronological order of years as they appear in the tree.



The photos that will appear in the video will be the photos you uploaded and linked to the specific event in the family tree.



Please remember that this is artificial intelligence, after all. So let's have realistic expectations about the voice that will be heard by the character.



If you are making a video in English, you're in luck! English has the most voice choices, even accents. That variety does not exist in other languages.

Now, go to the **Suggested DeepStories** , and click on the person you want to be the storyteller.

Suggested DeepStories
Select a person to create their DeepStory ⓘ

 <p>Max Haim-Motel , Makks Heishtein (Donahaye) Great-uncle 1899 - 1937</p>	 <p>Tsvija (Civija, Civi) Glas (born Grubin) Great-grandmother 1897 - 1941</p>	 <p>Rafael (Rafol) Mirman Great-great-grandfather 1848 - 1920</p>	 <p>Schabsa (Schabsche)(Sasha) Heishtein Great-uncle 1900 - Deceased</p>
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**Click on DeepStory
and watch the magic happen**

Automated DeepStory



If you already have a tree in MH, and uploaded photos of your ancestors, you will have the option to select one ancestor (no living people!) and make an automated video with the information you have in the family tree.

Suggested DeepStories
Select a person to create their DeepStory

- Max Haim-Motel , Makks Heishtein (Donahaye)
Great-uncle
1899 - 1937
- Tsvija (Civija, Civi) Glas (born Grubin)
Great-grandmother
1897 - 1941
- Rafael (Rafol) Mirman
- Schabsa (Schabsche)(Sasha) Heishtein
Great-uncle
1900 - Deceased
- Jechiel (Jochiel, Ija) Heishtein
Great-uncle
1906 - 1942
- Ruben, Ruvim (Ruvei) Glas
Great-grandfather
1893 - 1941
- Schmerl (Schmerel,) Haim Shperling (Sperling)
Great-great-grandfather
1852 - 1934
- Abram-Zalman Mirman
Great-uncle
1907 - 1941



Attention! If you have already made an automated video for one of your ancestors, they will no longer appear in the suggestions for an automated option. You will have to go back to the video you already made and re-edit it. (watch for a tip on how to go around this)

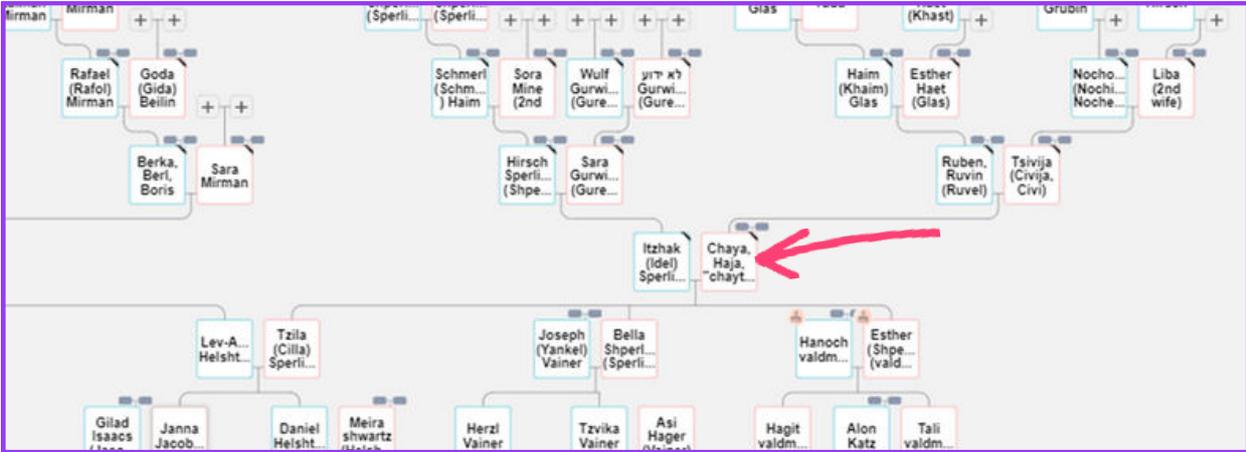
Videos you've already made will appear at the top of your screen.

Your DeepStories
Watch, edit, or share a DeepStory



Here is a way around the "one story per ancestor" rule, for automated DeepStory (meaning- using the tree info)

Find the person in the family tree and click on them



Chaya, Haja, "chaytze" Glas
(Sperling (Shperling))
Your grandmother
* Dec 25 1918 • Kazan, Russia
Dec 30 2002 (at age 84) • Afula,
Yizrael, North District, Israel
[Research this person >](#)

Profile Edit Add More

DISCOVERIES

- 5 pending Smart Matches™
- 2 confirmed Record Matches

Their abbreviated profile will pop up on the left-hand side

In the circle options, click on **profile** - this will take you to the full profile.

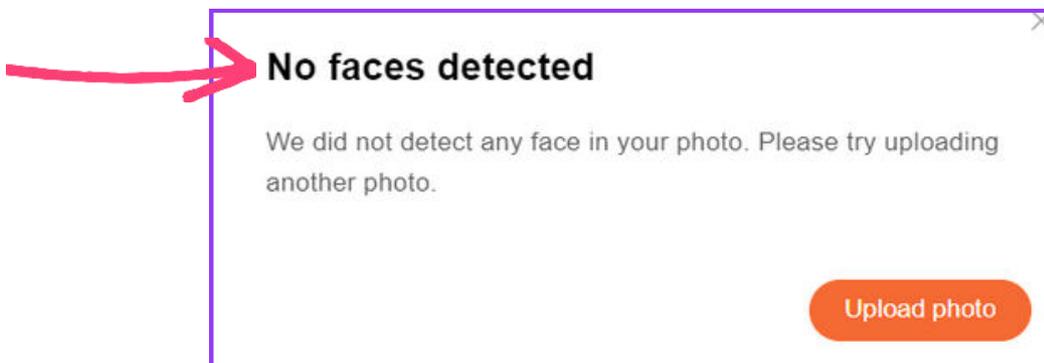
Edit profile
View in tree
View in PedigreeMap™
Create her DeepStory

Here you have it.
The option to create another automated DeepStory for the same ancestor, based on your tree info.

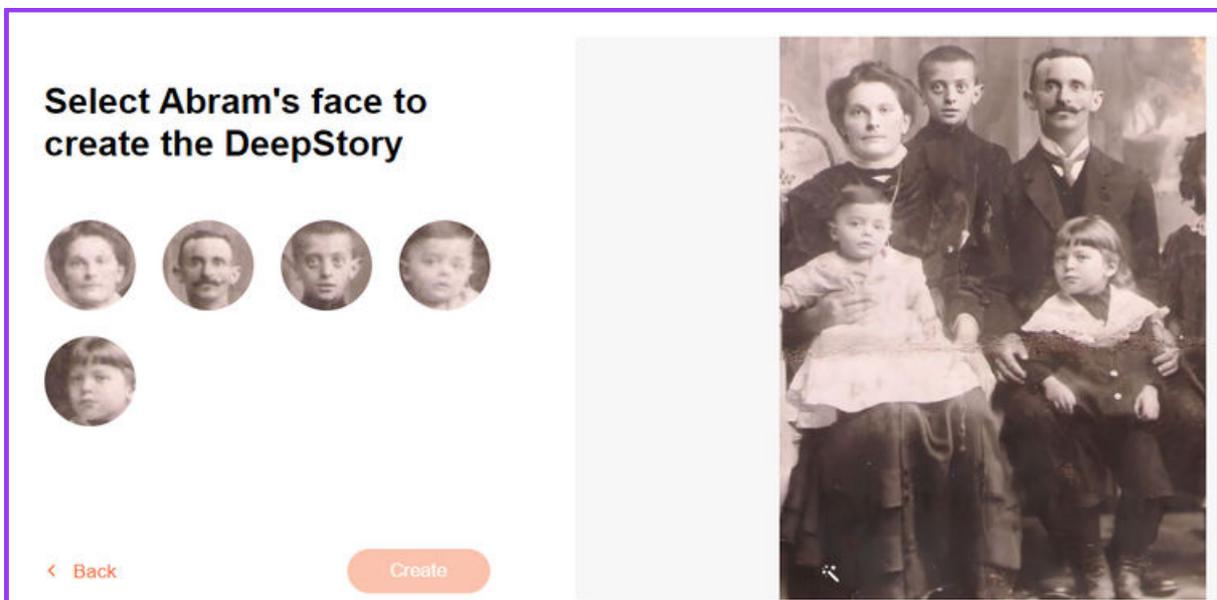


All photos that show up on your suggestions, are the ones you uploaded to that ancestor's profile. So be sure to upload photos with faces. In the example above, of Raphael Mirman, I didn't have a photo of him, so I uploaded a photo of his tombstone. I won't be able to make a DeepStory for Rafael.

This is the notice you will receive:



If the profile photo originates from a photo showing several people in it, you will be asked to select the one person you wish to make the video for.



Now you are almost ready to watch the magic happen automatically

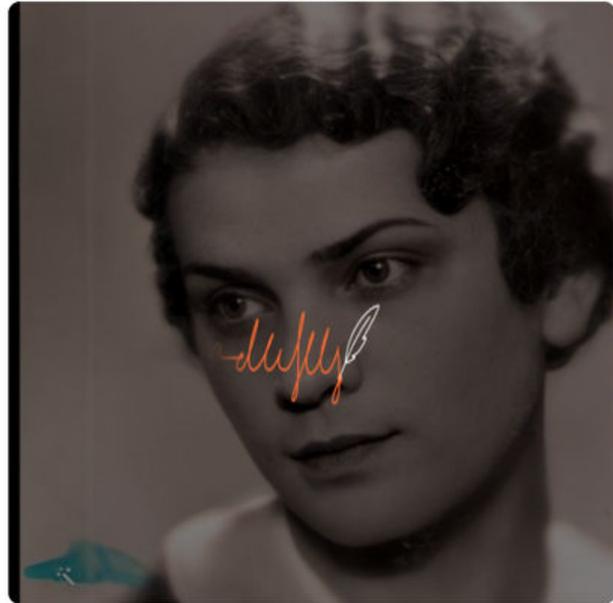
A Reminder!

The automated DEEPSTORY option is available if you have a family tree!

Click on Create DeepStory

Creating Haya- Itka (Hasya) Hasija's DeepStory...

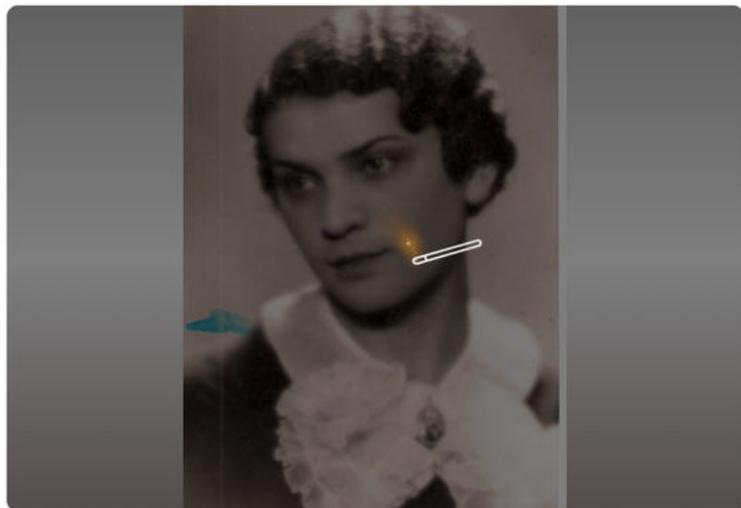
This is expected to take 5-6 minutes. We'll email you when the DeepStory is ready. It's worth the wait, the result will be amazing!



Now, MyHeritage is working for you!

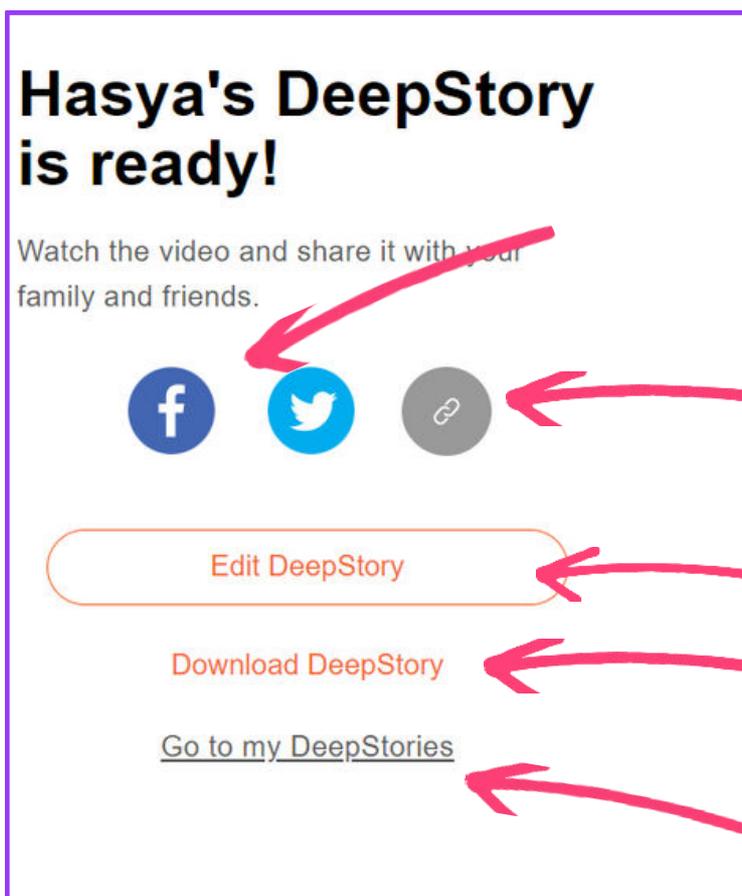
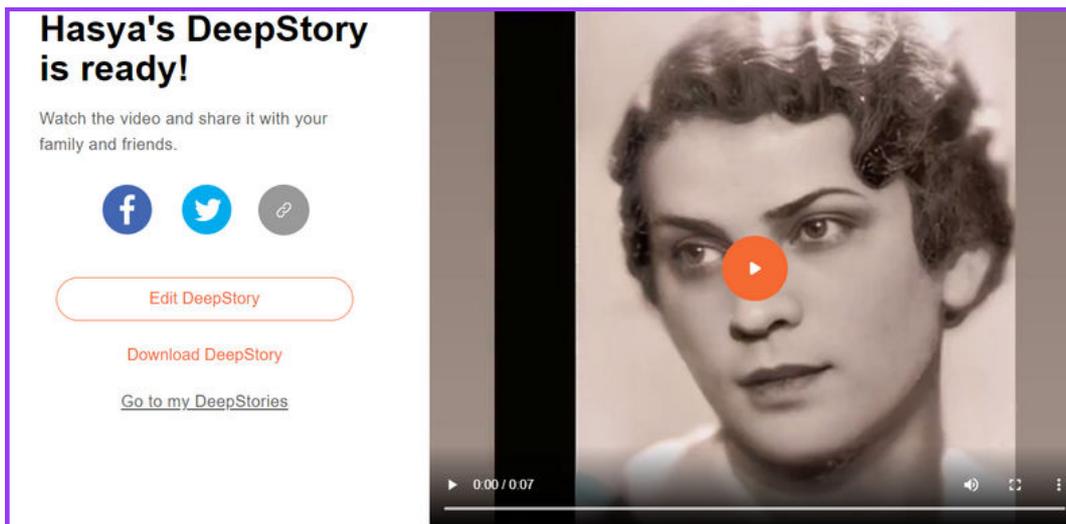
**For optimal
results, we are
enhancing
your photo...**

My Heritage automatically improves the quality of the image you uploaded



You can just leave the tab open and come back here to see the video.

Now that your video is ready, you have several options



Share to FB or Twitter

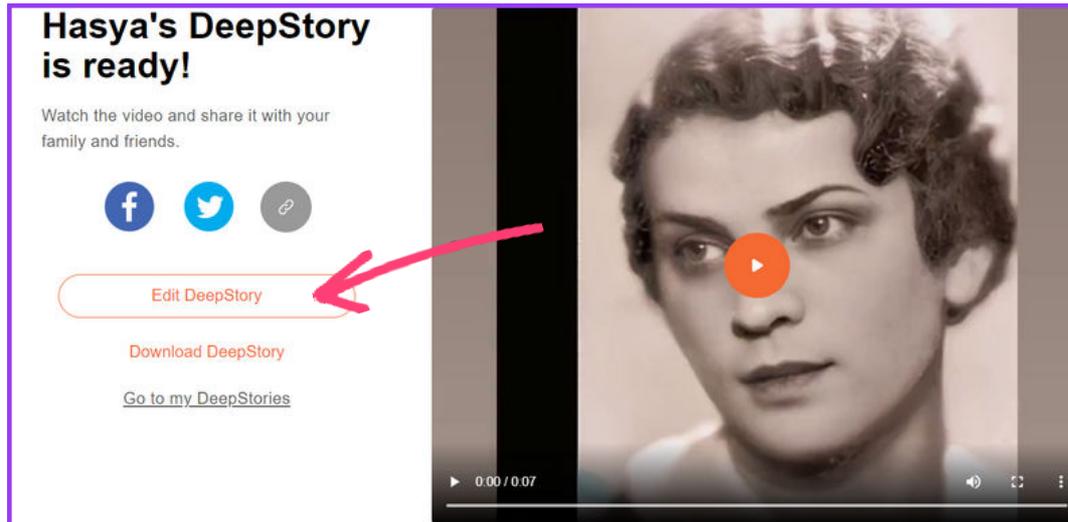
Get a link
to share with family and friends

Edit your video

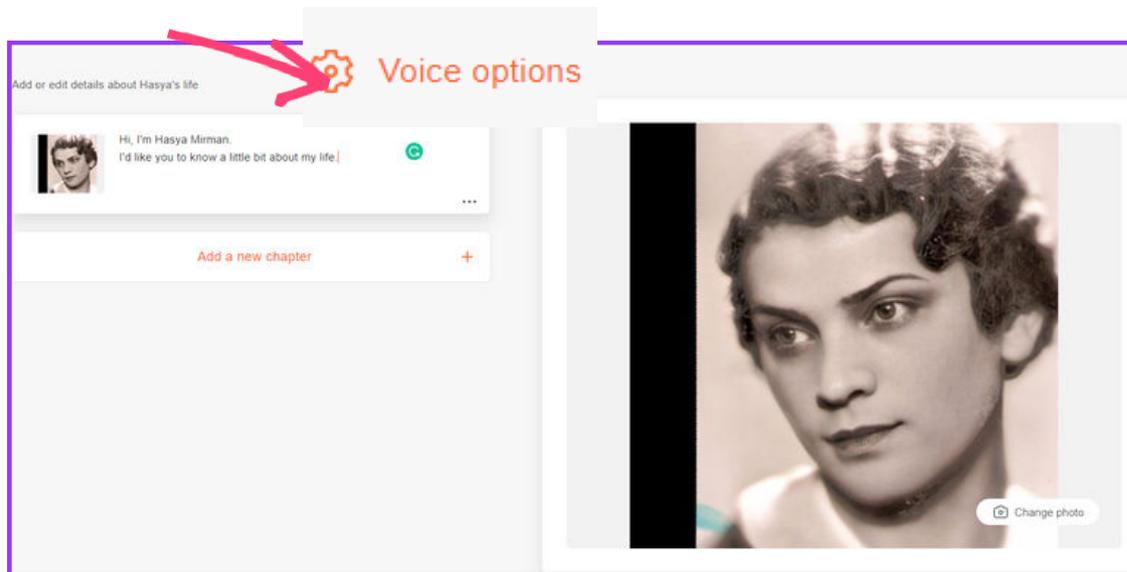
Download and save to your computer

Access all other videos you
already made

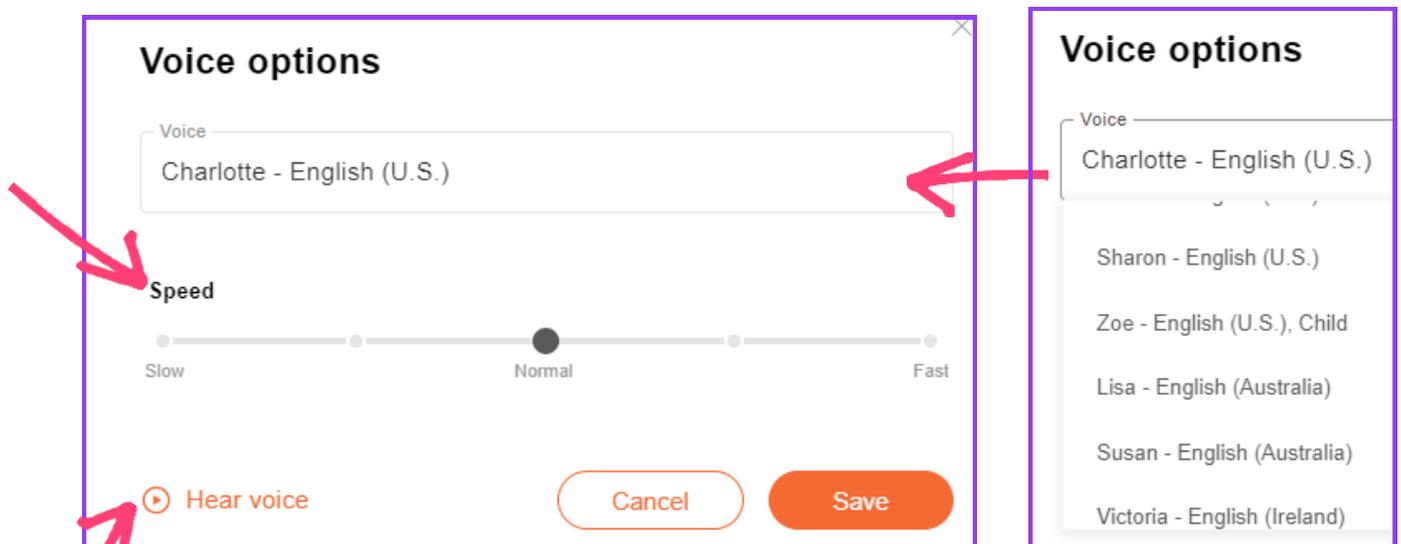
If there are things you want to change in your video, click on **Edit**



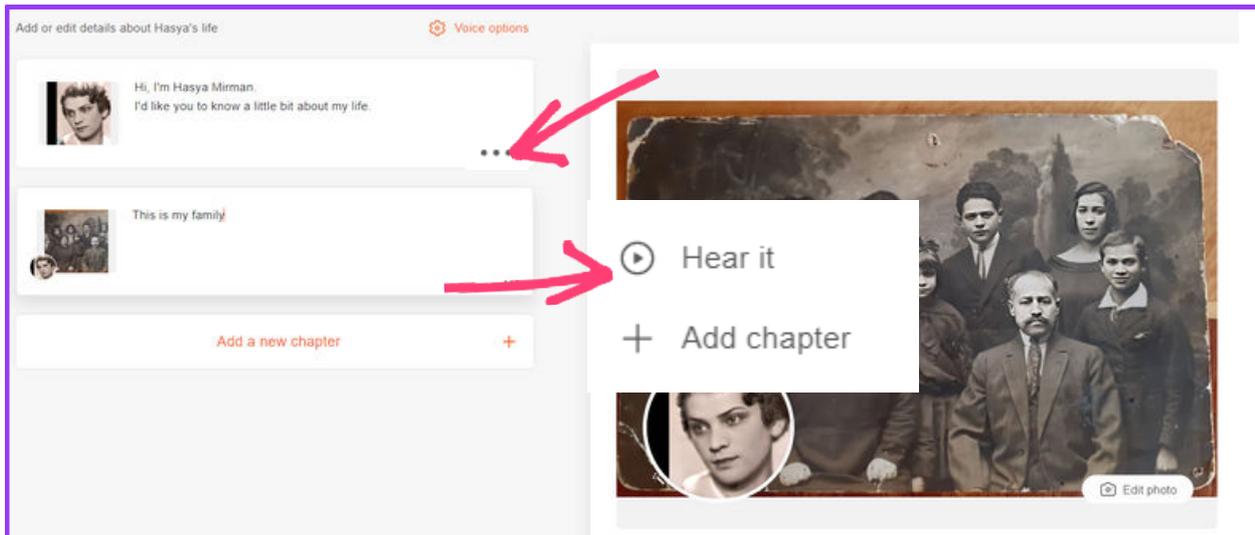
To change the voice



Adjust the voice of your choice

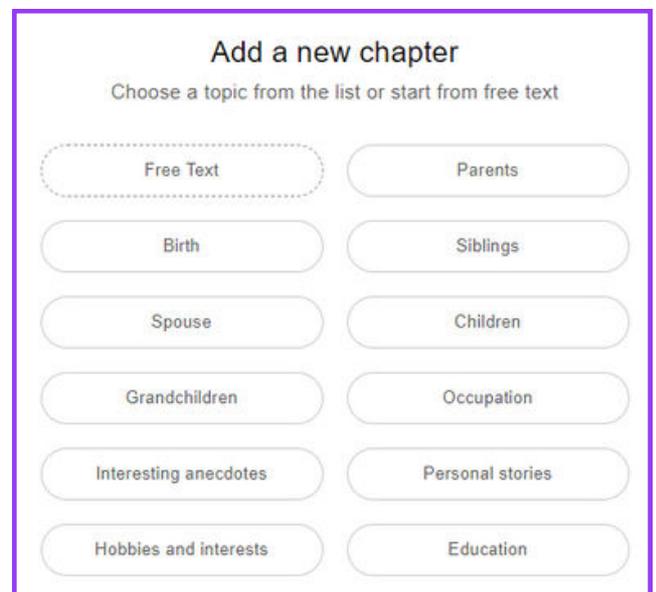
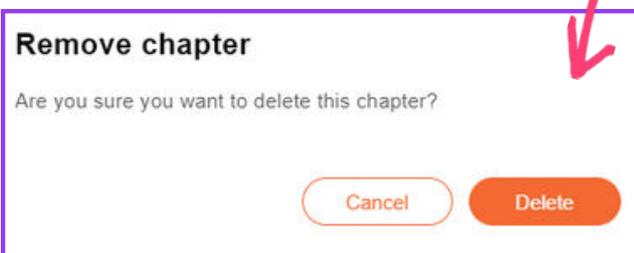
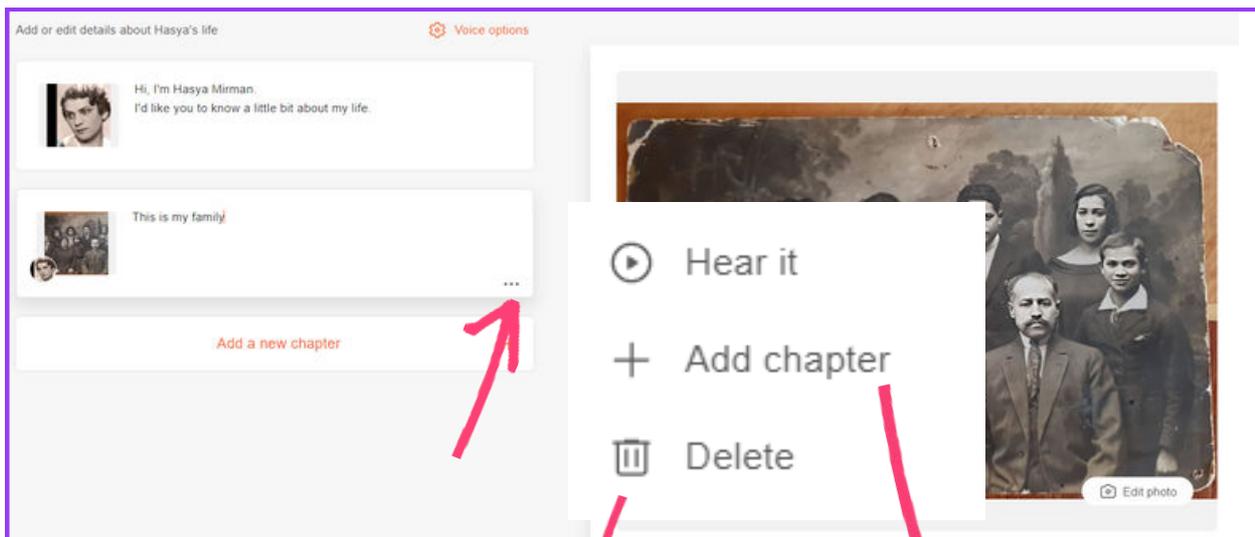


Click on the 3 dots and listen to the first chapter, make the necessary changes

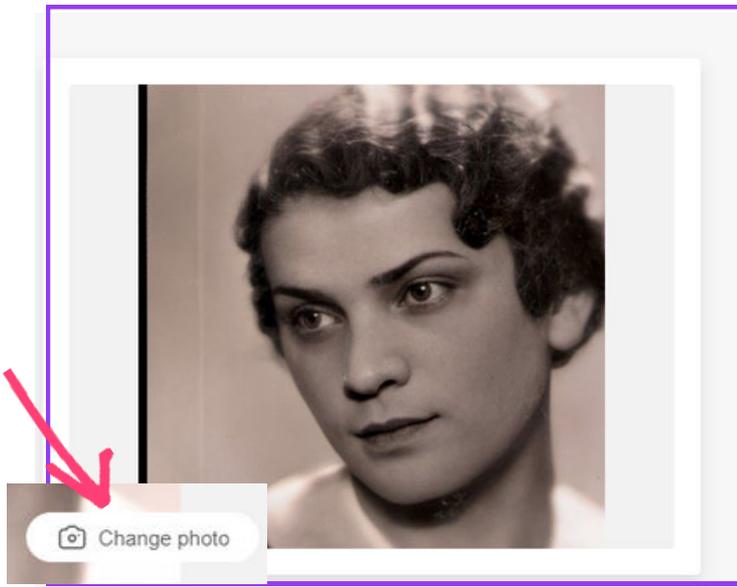


In the first chapter, you can only listen to the chapter or add another one.

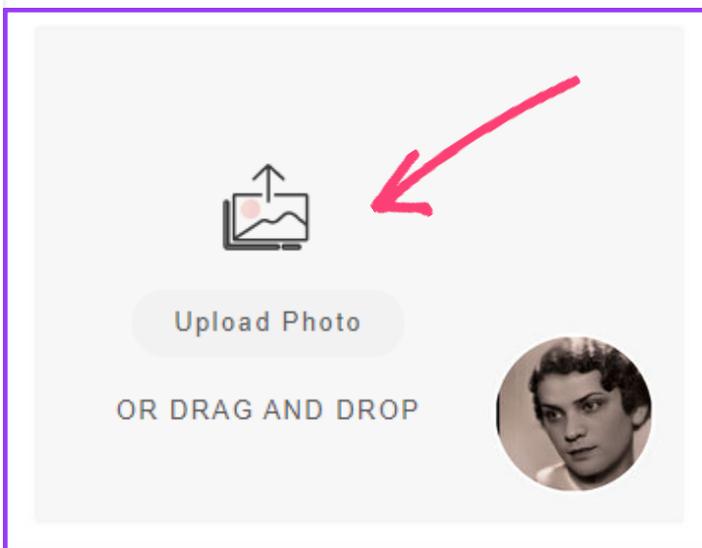
In the following chapters you will have the option to delete.



When adding a chapter you can choose from a predetermined text or your own- free text.



In the first chapter, you have the option to change the image, if you decide to use a different one from the one you used in the profile.



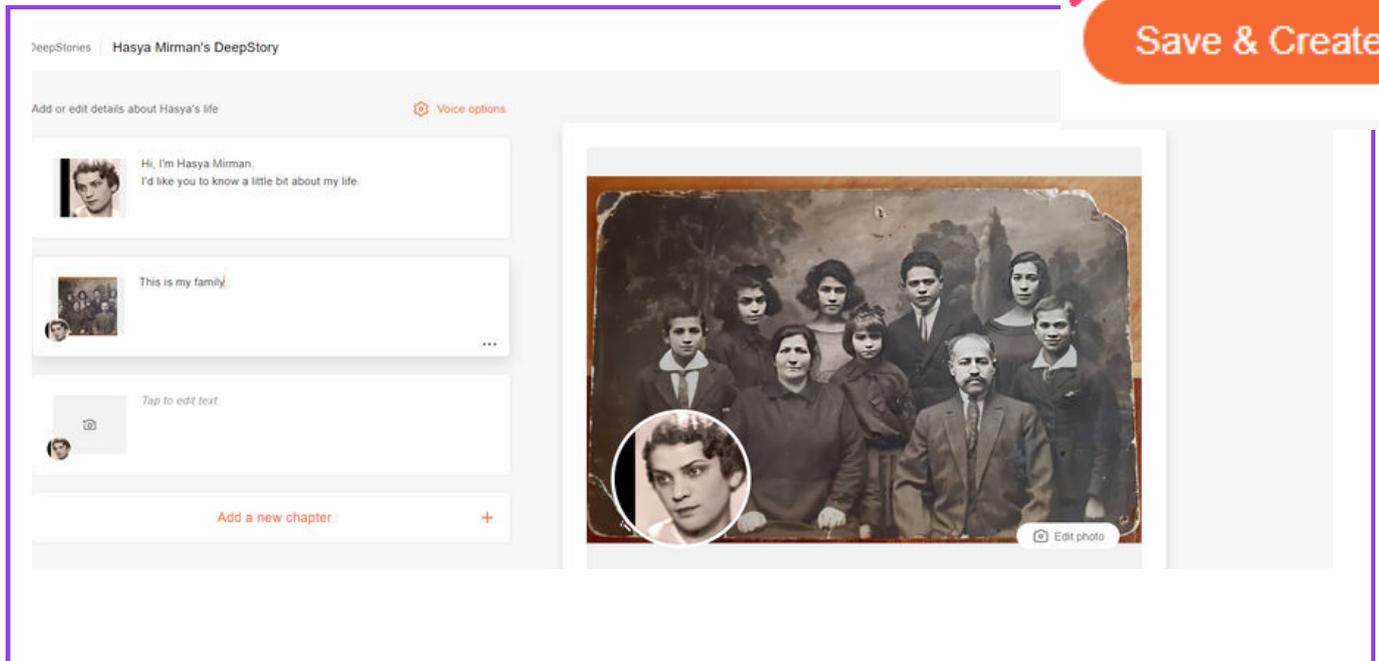
In chapters where an image is missing, you can upload any image you want from your computer.



For chapters in which there is an image that you do not like, you can replace it by clicking on **Edit**.

AND...

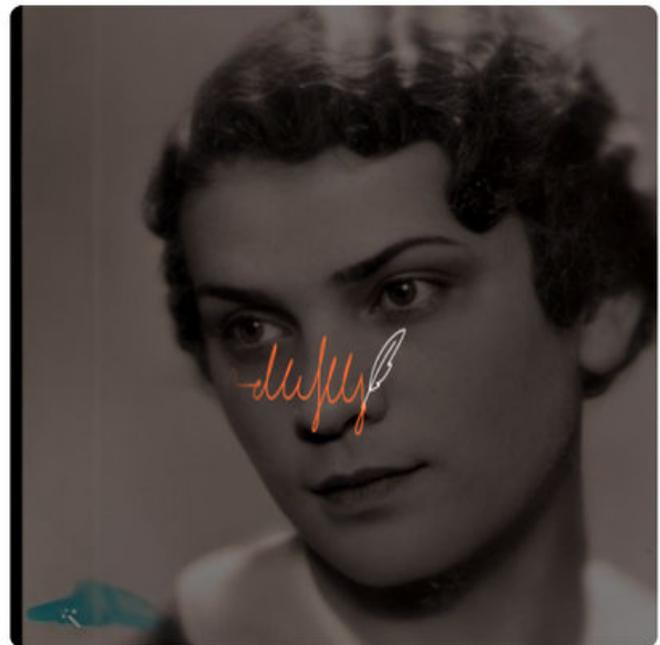
You are done! Click **save & create**



You are back at the screen you are already familiar with.
MyHeritage is creating your story.
Your video will be ready in a few minutes.

Creating Haya- Itka (Hasya) Hasija's DeepStory...

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congratulations!

My DeepStory - The story you want to tell



1. Who do you want as the story teller?



2. What is the story about?

You know the family better than anyone. Start with the familiar stories, mostly to practice.

Make a list of stories that interest you.

The following are just examples, to help you get your wheels turning.

Every family has special stories, experiences, adventures, and even short anecdotes. Each of these will give a glimpse into a richer and fuller world of the family and will be preserved for generations.



Toy Story



Love



Heroism



Family recipes



Victory



Beliefs



Holocaust



Immigration



Heirloom



Family business



Success



Holiday customs

The story I personally wanted to tell is a chapter in my grandmother's life, with some historical background, and these are the preparations I made in advance. You can use these for your family's story.

Feel free to add more ideas and I would love you to share new ideas with me, I'm always happy to add an idea I haven't thought of.

(jannamemory@gmail.com)

What to prepare in advance?



The story

- What story do you want to tell?
- Is it necessary to follow chronological order?
- What places are included in the story?
- Are there any special dates to be aware of?



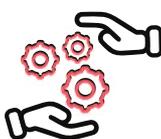
Historical background

- Are there any events in the history of the world that happened at that time of the story, that can be relevant?
- Is there a general background, and details about the country where the story takes place that would add to the overall richness of the video?
- Use Wikipedia to select events related to the period you are talking about.



Images

- What will be the main image of the storyteller?
- Are childhood photos of the narrator necessary?
- Are family photos necessary?
- Are photos of the period necessary?
- Do you need photos from a family event?



Administration

- Opening a dedicated folder - saving all the images in the folder.
- Choice of the language in which the narrator will speak.
- Creating a storyboard
- Text selection for each image.

This is how I applied the preparations to my grandmother's story

The story



- I want to tell our family about a chapter in her life
- Where was she born and when?
- Circumstances of her birth
- Places she passed through in her life
- where did she study?
- Anecdote (grandpa's Bar Mitzvah)

Historical background



- World War I
- 1917 Russian revolution
- Tsar Nicholas abdicates the kingdom
- Lenin comes to power
- The beginning of the communist domination

Images



main



history



parents



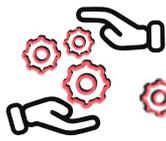
place of birth



post war



grandpa



Administration

A dedicated folder

- Open a dedicated folder with the name of the story. In that folder, you will upload all the raw materials that you will use for your video.

Writing the story

Write the story without thinking, just pour everything on the page.

Then you can go over it again and decide if there are non-essential or duplicate details, depending on the length of the video you want and the amount of information you want to share.

Selection of images

Depending on the story you wrote, choose the most suitable images.

Gather all the images that you think could fit. You can always skip one or another image during the preparation.

Image Description

Give each image a name or a short description. This will make it easier for you to associate it with the content you were thinking about.

This is what my folder looks like (yes, my images are named in Hebrew 😊😊)



⚙️ Division into chapters

Read the story again, and divide the text into chapters. Give a chronological number to each chapter.

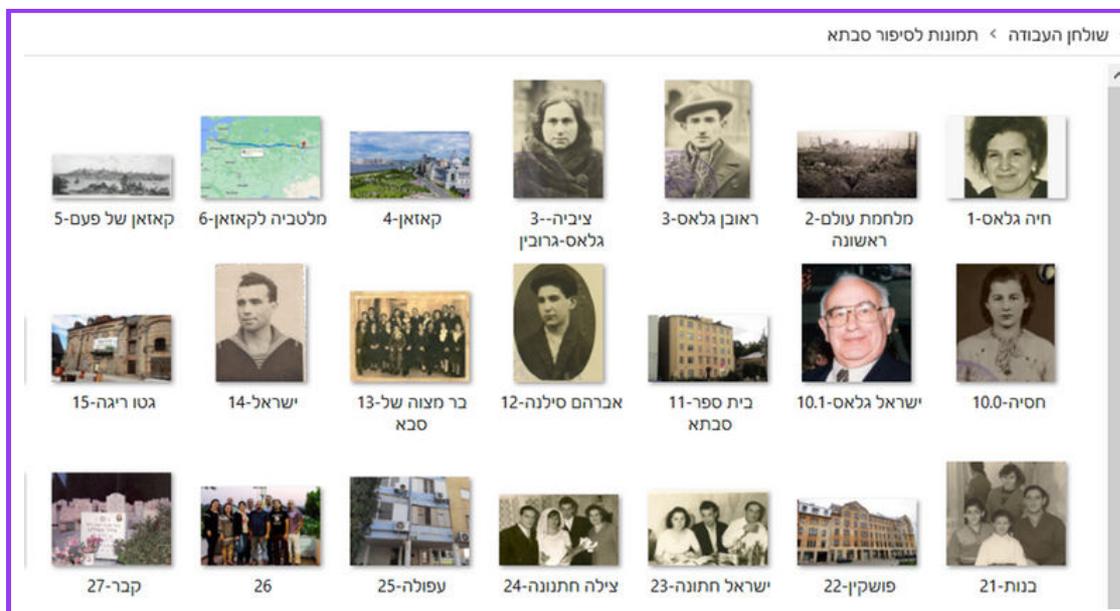
⚙️ Match each chapter with an image

Read each chapter and choose the image that is the best expression for this chapter.

Now go back to the photos folder and number the photos according to the numbering of the chapters.

The numbering will make it easier for you when you add the images to the text during the preparation of the video.

This is my folder, with the images numbered (yes, still in Hebrew 🗣️)



⚙️ Storyboard

Now it's time to write the sequence of the story with the related images. I found that when we create a storyboard, with the images we have chosen, we get a general visual expression, closest to the video itself.

This is the time to make sure the sequence of chapters makes sense to us, and whether the images we chose really reflect what we want.

These preparations will save you time when you start making your video.

And... if anything goes wrong (failed internet connection or some other error), while you are making the video, you would not lose the raw material.

This is an example of my storyboard for grandma's story- it was in Hebrew as you probably guessed.

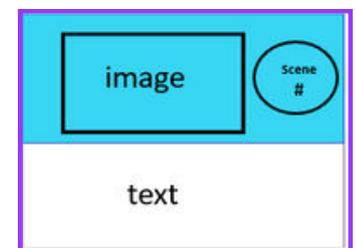
 <p>4</p> <p>קזאן היא עיר ברוסיה, בירת הרפובליקה הסטרית. כאן היא נראתה יפה אבל לא כך היא נראתה כשהורים שלי הגיעו אליה</p>	  <p>3</p> <p>אבא שלי. ראובן גלאס. נולד ב, 1893 אמא שלי. ציביה גרובין נולדה ב 1897 שניהם נולדו בלטיביה. כן, לפני כמעט 130 שנה. אומרים שאני דומה לאמא, אבל אני חושבת שאני שילוב של שניהם</p>	 <p>2</p> <p>מלחמת העולם הראשונה החלה ב 1914, קצת אחרי שהיא החלה, אבא שלי נשלח עם אמא שלי לקאזאן. האמת, אף אחד לא זוכר למה הוא נשלח לשם</p>	 <p>1</p> <p>הי, אני חיה שפרלינג. נולדתי חיה גלס, ואני רוצה לספר לכם קצת על החיים שלי</p>
 <p>8</p> <p>בזמן שהיינו בקאזן התרחשה המהפכה הרוסית. ידועה בשם המהפכה הבולשביקית, ולנין עלה לשלטון</p>	   <p>7</p> <p>בקאזאן נולד אחי הבכור נחום ב 1916 – מימין אני אחרי ב 1918 ואחי הירש ב 1920</p>	 <p>6</p> <p>זו הייתה דרך ארוכה מלטיביה לקאזן. היום ב 2021 גוגל אומר שזה יקח 23 שעות ברכב, אז תארו לכם כמה זמן זה היה לוקח לפני יותר ממאה שנה</p>	 <p>5</p> <p>קאזאן של פעם נראתה יותר כך</p>
 <p>12</p> <p>חיינו בשכונה יהודית ושם הכרתי את אברהם סילנה, התאהבנו והתחלנו לצאת</p>	 <p>11</p> <p>אני נכנסתי ללמוד בבית ספר עד גיל 16. זה בית הספר שבו למדתי</p>	  <p>10</p> <p>בלטיביה נולדו למשפחה עוד 4 בנות ושני בנים. אחרי נולדה חסיה וישראל. לצערי מטיובה, לייב, פרידה ושיינה שנולדו אחכ לא נשארו לי תמונות</p>	 <p>9</p> <p>חזרנו כפליטים ללטיביה. השלטון היה שלטון רוסי, קומוניסטי. בשביל ההורים זה היה לחזור הביתה, לי זה היה ד"י מפחיד. הכל היה חדש ולא מוכר.</p>

I recommend making the storyboard in PowerPoint and not in Word, because in PPT it is more convenient to move things around, attach images, and more. For those who like to draw, feel free to draw the sequence of your story. Instead of the images, write their names as they appear in your folder.

That's why it's important to name the images.

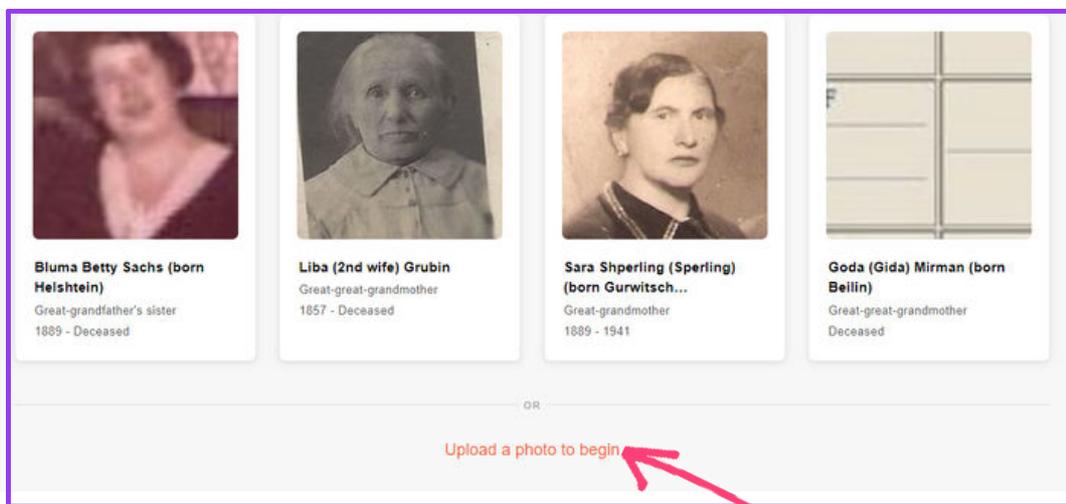
If you have any other software that you prefer to use for the storyboard, feel free, as long as you get the end result.

The beauty of preparing a storyboard is that you can play with everything, change text, replace an image, and even decide to change the story, and all that, even before you started uploading it to the MyHeritage tool.

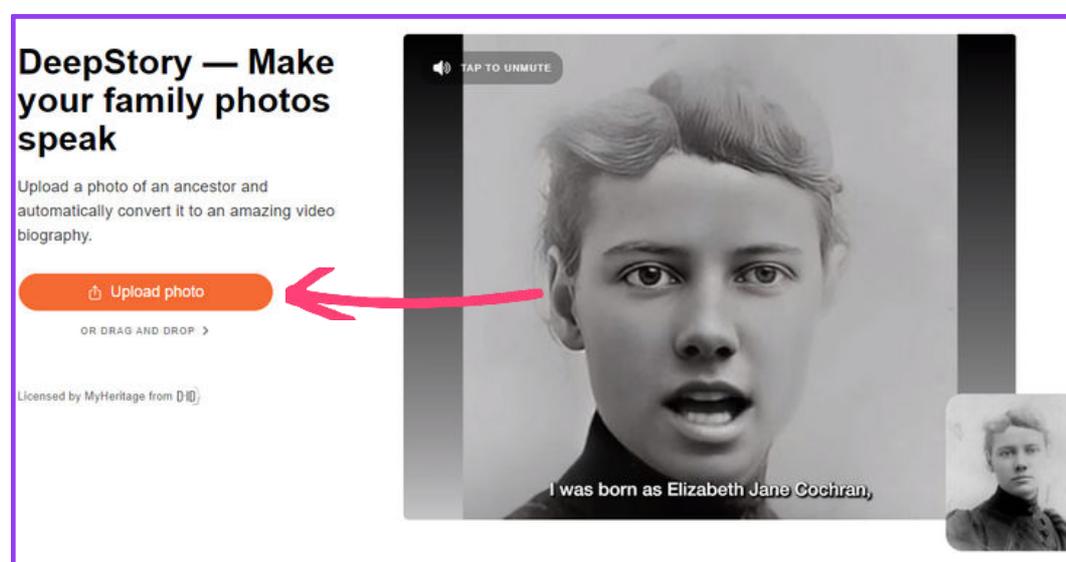


Everything is ready!

Let's Do This!

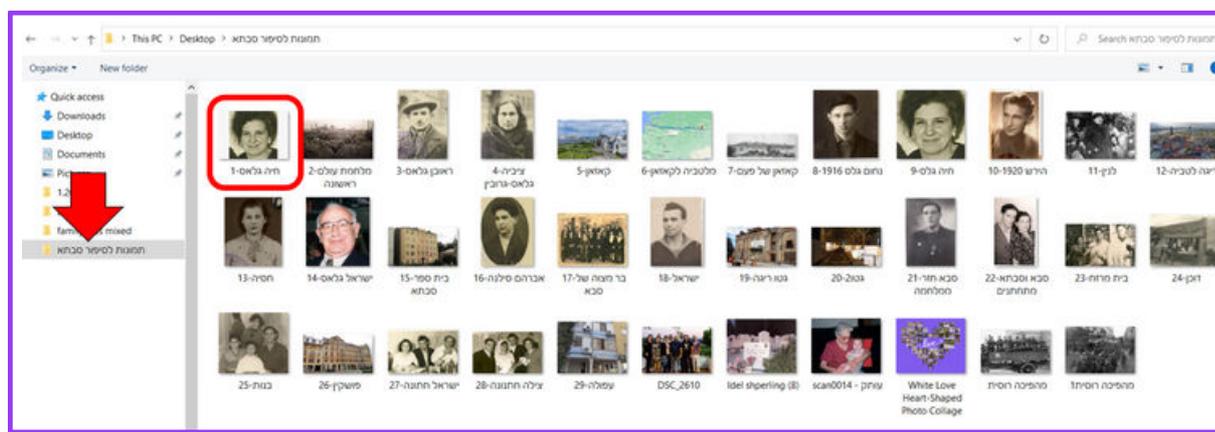


Go to DeepStory - choose **upload** a photo



In the next screen, Click on "Upload photo"

This will take you to the folders on your computer.
Choose the relevant folder then image #1.
This is the main image of the person telling the story.



For optimal results, we are enhancing your photo...

You are already familiar with this screen, only this time the image you selected from the folder will show.

 For your main photo, it is advisable to choose a photo that has not yet been retouched.



Fill in the details

Person's details

Tell us about the person in the DeepStory

Male

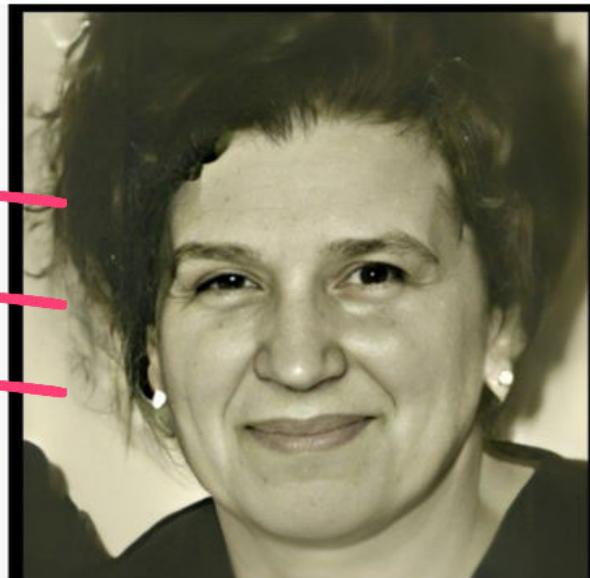
Female

First name

Last name

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Next >



use the "back" button if you need to make changes.

Write haya's DeepStory in the first person

 Voice options



Hi, I'm Chaya Sperling
I want to tell you a bit about my life



Voice options

choose voice and speed

Voice
Charlotte - English (U.S.)

Allison - English (U.S.)

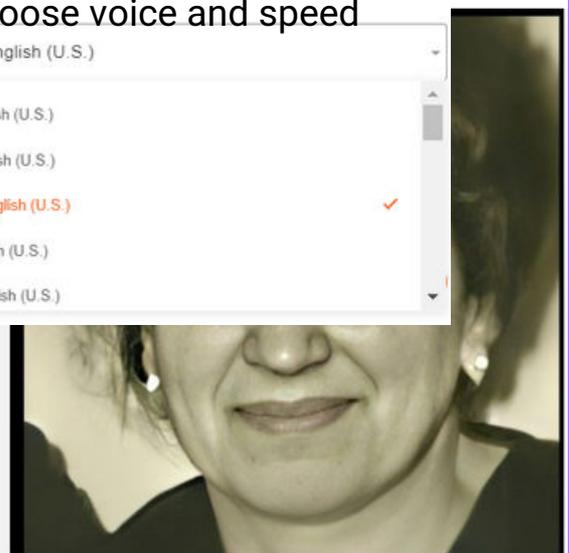
Amelia - English (U.S.)

Charlotte - English (U.S.) ✓

Claire - English (U.S.)

Daniela - English (U.S.)

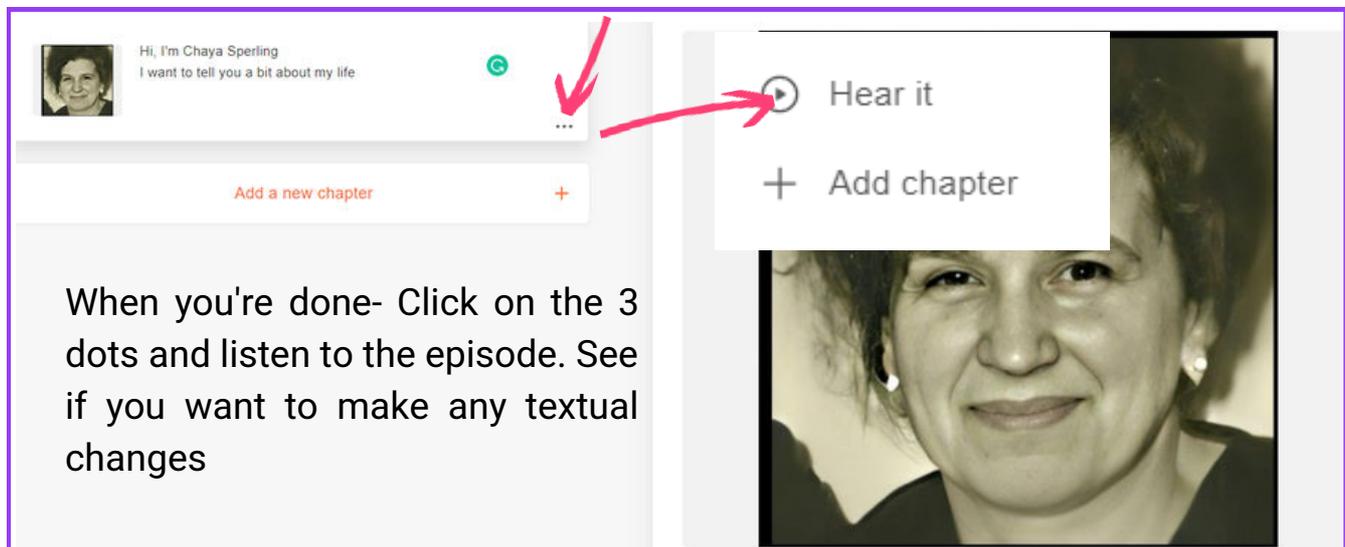
You are already familiar with this screen, only now you will see your chosen photo.



When done choosing your preferred voice don't forget to save.

Copy the first chapter from your storyboard.

You might want to start with a short presentation of the speaker and maybe the main theme of the video.

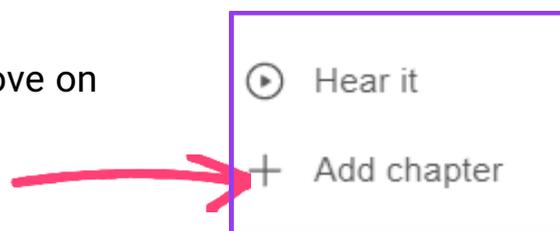


Sometimes, after listening, there might be certain words that the technology, no matter how advanced, will not express correctly.

Play with the words, maybe choose a different expression to convey your exact message.

This happens a lot with foreign names. Sometimes we will have to put up with what we get.

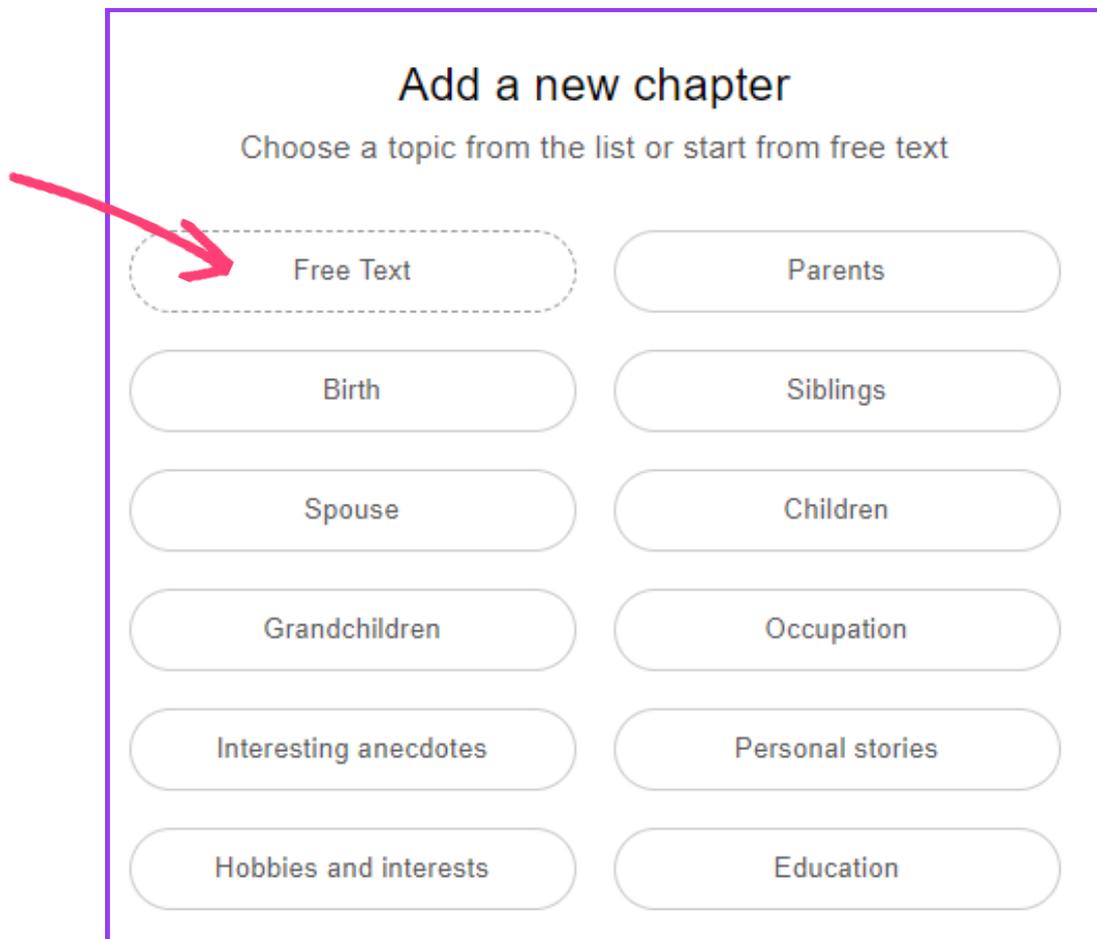
Once you are done, you can move on to the next chapter



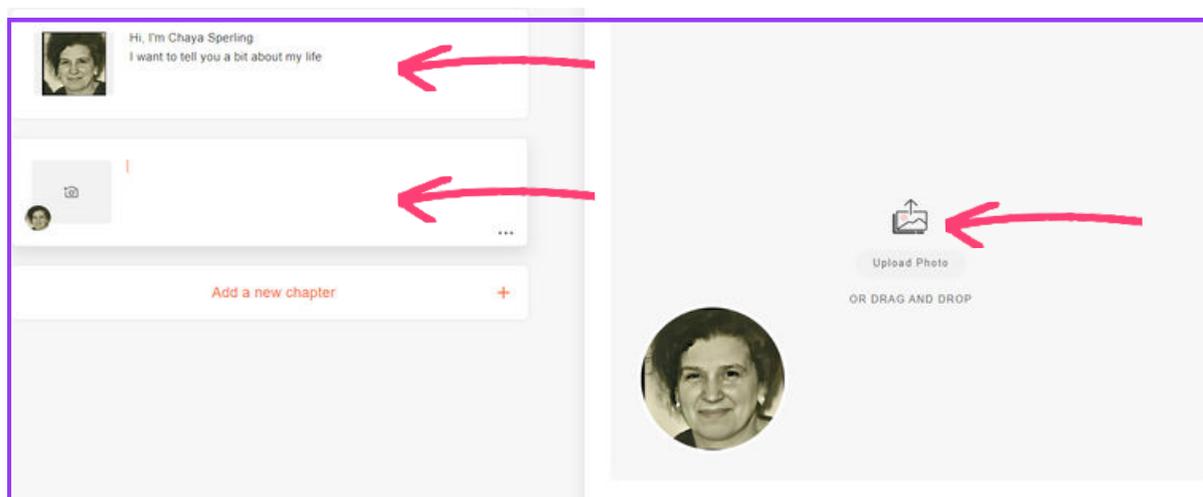
By clicking on add chapter, the following box will open.

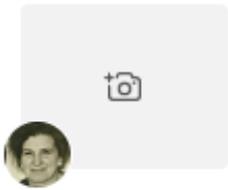
Skip all options and select "Free text"

After all, your story is already written and you want to copy it to the next chapter



The next screen will show your first chapter, and the next chapter will be empty of content and a theme image (the image of the person who is the narrator you have chosen, will be animated in all chapters)





In the text box, copy the next chapter.
No. 2 in your storyboard



To add the image you chose for this chapter, click on **"Upload a photo"**.

Clicking here will take you to your folders on your computer, enter the designated folder and select picture #2



Upload Photo

OR DRAG AND DROP



Do you see how important preparation in advance is?
Now everything is available to you at the click of a button.

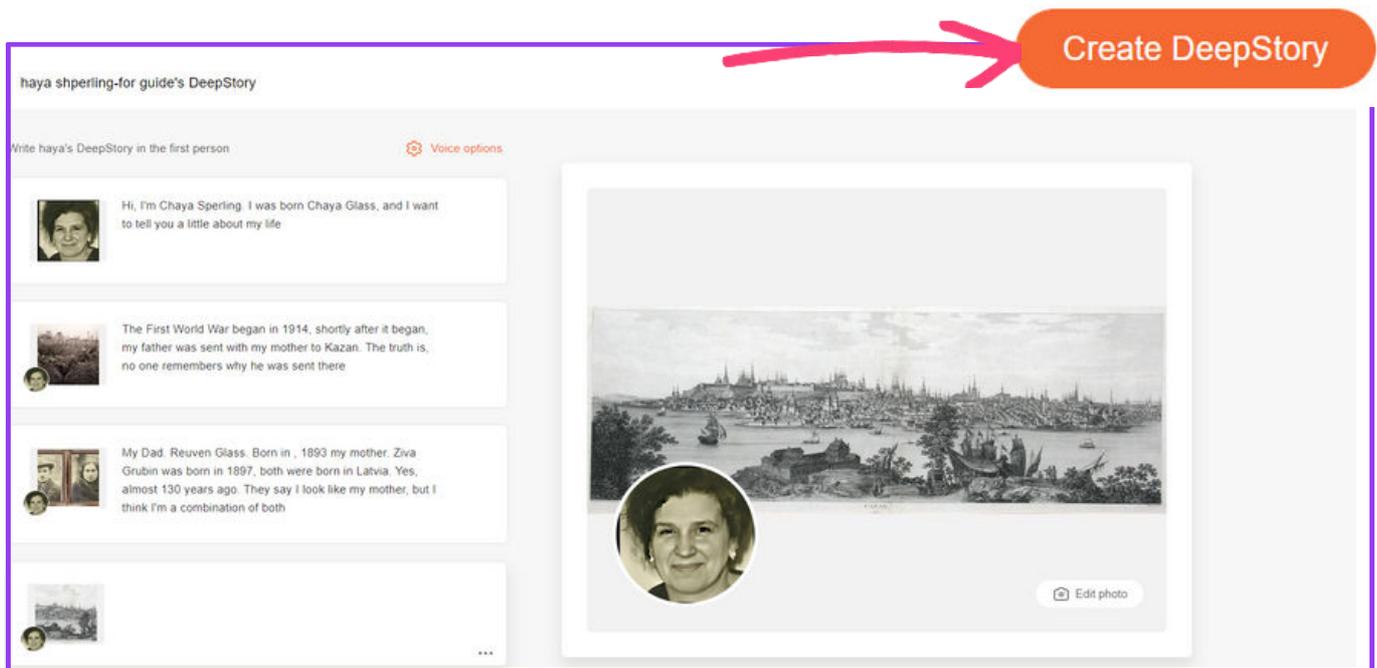


Repeat the process until you reach the end of your storyboard.



Go back to the first chapter and listen to each chapter. Double-check that everything is to your liking.

Once all is exactly how you want it, click **Create**



Creating haya's DeepStory...

This is expected to take 1-2 minutes. We'll email you when the DeepStory is ready. It's worth the wait, the result will be amazing!

You will receive a notification that your video is being created. The time this will take depends on the length of the video.



You can leave and wait for a notification in the mail that the video is ready or leave this window open until it's done.





YES!!!!

Your video is ready!

Chaya's DeepStory is ready!

Watch the video and share it with your family and friends.

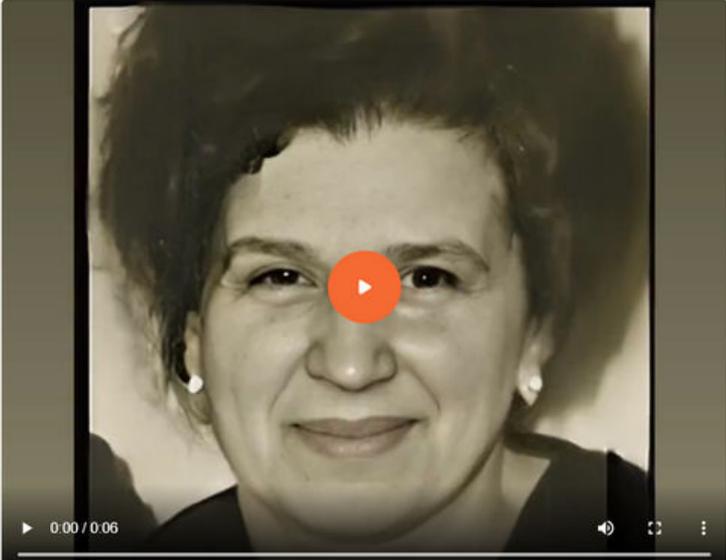




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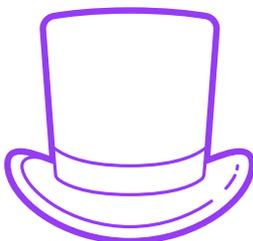
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You did it!!





Do you dare take it a step further?

Ideas for the brave 🤖

Make a multi-teller video



If you want to make a video with several speakers as the "narrator" of the story?

- 1** First, prepare your storyboard.
Once the story is ready, note whom you want to narrate each chapter.
- 2** Now go back to the guide and make a video for each character using only the text and images designated for that specific speaker.
- 3** Download each video to your computer
- 4** Use your favorite editing software (I use KAPWING) to upload all the videos. Cut and edit according to the sequence of your storyboard.
- 5** Add music (many of the editing programs have free music that can be added, or download a free audio file from the web and add it to the video)
- 6** Some software offer the option of subtitles and translations.

Done but not over

This is only the beginning



A toast to future videos

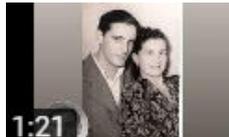
You have a powerful tool. Set your imagination free
Leave a memory and a legacy for generations to come



Links to video I made in the past



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Russian



Hebrew sub



Hebrew sub



English sub

