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- Meaning Maker Family Gathering Edition provides a structure for making the most of your family gatherings.

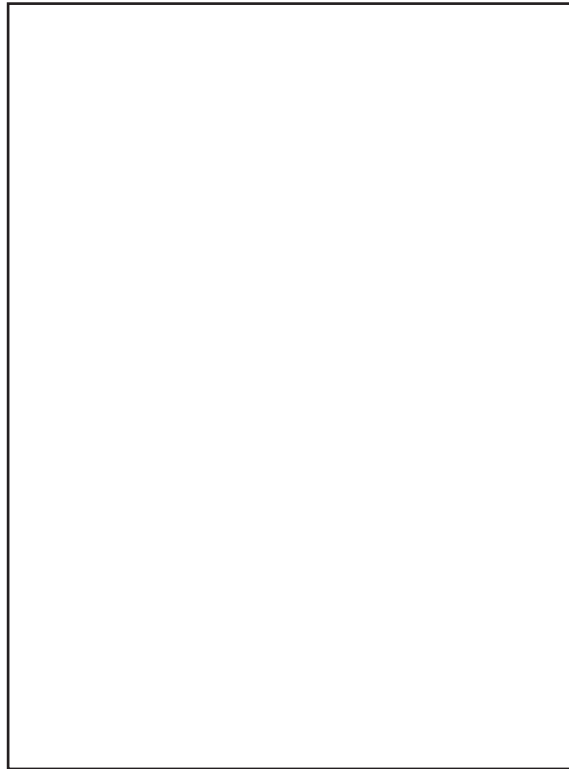
**Your personal tool for a  
“Value Added” experience.**

- Organize your thoughts and cultivate purpose for every family gathering you attend. Great for birthdays, graduations, weddings, funerals, anniversaries, holidays, random get-togethers, and all manner of parties, meetings and events.
- Carry Meaning Maker with you to the event or complete shortly after.
- It is important to record your experience while the event is fresh in your neural pathways and stimulating your nerve endings.
- Over time, Meaning Maker Family Gathering Edition will provide you with a cohesive concept of your family experience.
- Meaning Maker Family Gathering Edition is good for self-appraisal and validation; therapy sessions; blame, denial, superiority and judgment; remembering, forgiving, and forgetting; memoirs; eulogies, memorials and toasts.
- Meaning Maker for a value added experience.
- Meaning Maker for a value added existence.

Meaning Maker comes in a variety of experiences.  
Download and print Meaning Makers  
for all of your social engagements.

Log onto [meaningmaker.org](http://meaningmaker.org)  
to share your Meaning Maker experience.

Attach a photo from the gathering here.

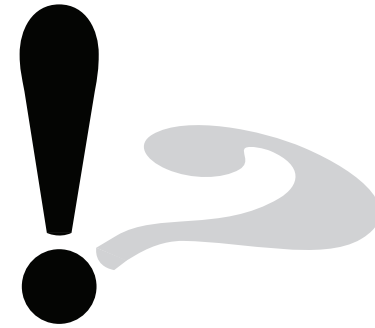


**Family and Guests in attendance:**

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**I came with:**

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____



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Family Gathering Edition

**Instructions:**

**Complete after event. File for future reference.**

Event \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## MY RELATIVES *(the personalities)*

### Family Members:

most fun \_\_\_\_\_ just like parents \_\_\_\_\_  
 favorite \_\_\_\_\_ least favorite \_\_\_\_\_  
 safe \_\_\_\_\_ most gossiped about \_\_\_\_\_  
 stable \_\_\_\_\_ couch potato \_\_\_\_\_  
 the helper \_\_\_\_\_ laughs most \_\_\_\_\_  
 suspect \_\_\_\_\_ always right \_\_\_\_\_  
 intelligent \_\_\_\_\_ controlling \_\_\_\_\_  
 missing \_\_\_\_\_ most like me \_\_\_\_\_  
 anal \_\_\_\_\_ least like me \_\_\_\_\_  
 sexy \_\_\_\_\_ needs serious help \_\_\_\_\_  
 cute \_\_\_\_\_ deserves applause \_\_\_\_\_  
 scary \_\_\_\_\_ my role model \_\_\_\_\_  
 questionable \_\_\_\_\_ ruins the party \_\_\_\_\_

### Physical changes since our last encounters?

	none	a little	a lot
kids growing up	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
obvious aging	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
weight loss or gain	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
new health issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
hair color, loss or gain	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
body modifications	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
gender reassignments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Lifestyle changes since our last encounters?

	none	a little	a lot
new members	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
discarded members	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
births & deaths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
career changes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
sexual orientation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## THE INTERACTIONS *(family culture)*

### The conversation focused on . . .

	none	a little	a lot
children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
health issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
the weather	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
rehashing the past	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
proving superiority	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
material wealth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
predictable opinions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
sports, cars, pets...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Political discourse was...

contentious  one-sided  enlightening  
 avoided  engaging  meaningful  
 humorous  fun  typical  
 superficial  non-existent  other \_\_\_\_\_

### Religious discourse was...

contentious  one-sided  enlightening  
 avoided  engaging  meaningful  
 humorous  fun  typical  
 superficial  non-existent  other \_\_\_\_\_

### The reason for getting together:

religious event  sanctioned holiday  
 rite of passage  someone's bright idea  
 tradition  crisis  
 spontaneous  other \_\_\_\_\_

### The gathering provided opportunities to . . .

know someone better  make a new connection  
 renew a connection  catch up on gossip  
 show off  give and get hugs  
 laugh out loud  tease and/or flirt

## HOW I FIT IN *(self-identity)*

### I am

the clown  the darling  the black sheep  
 contentious  the prankster  the smartass  
 the giver  the taker  the scapegoat  
 the enabler  the victim  the loudmouth  
 the boss  absent  the drunk  
 at odds  in therapy  the quiet one  
 the misfit  the know-it-all  the best looking  
 somebody's favorite  everybody's favorite  
 the peacekeeper  the troublemaker  
 the primadonna  the drama queen  
 a guest or companion  someone's spouse  
 adopted  new family member  
 other \_\_\_\_\_

### The reason I attended:

I love my family  I needed some attention  
 it is always fun  I needed a laugh  
 obligation  emotional blackmail  
 tradition  the secret affair  
 it was for me  it was at my house  
 to feel superior  I want the inheritance  
 to come out  to prove I wasn't in jail  
 to get back at \_\_\_\_\_

## REFLECTIONS *(my family)*

### The TV shows that best represent my family:

All in the Family  The Beverly Hillbillies  
 Father Knows Best  That 70's Show  
 Dallas  The Waltons  
 The Simpsons  Everybody Hates Chris  
 My Three Sons  The Young and the Restless  
 Lost in Space  Sanford and Son  
 Leave it to Beaver  The Addams Family  
 The Flintstones  The Munsters  
 Andy Griffith  Judging Amy  
 Dynasty  Married with Children  
 All My Children  Third Rock from the Sun  
 The Jeffersons  The Jetsons  
 Brady Bunch  Everybody Loves Raymond  
 Partridge Family  King of the Hill  
 other \_\_\_\_\_

### This gathering . . .

was pure joy  was a nightmare  
 frightened me  was typical  
 brought us closer together  
 could be the subject of a major mediated event  
 was better than Reality TV  
 I don't know why I even attended

### My favorite moment \_\_\_\_\_

### Regrets . . . I wish I would have \_\_\_\_\_

### Next time I will \_\_\_\_\_

### When the gathering was over I felt . . .

happy  connected  relieved  
 angry  proud  nothing  
 loved  important  left out  
 alone  embarrassed  hung over  
 validated  confused  motivated  
 sad  content  fearful  
 like getting my dna tested  frustrated  
 like changing my name  disgusted