

KERRY GLASS EDITS A MEMORIES LIVE MOVIE ABOUT J. TORRES.

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FAVORITE ACT OF TIKKUN OI AM:

Creating Memories Live (MemoriesLive. org), a free service that helps terminally ill people and their families create a personalized movie interweaving "live" footage, selected music, and personal photographs to share with loved ones. The idea came to me a couple of years ago, after I heard about a New Jersey mother of two children under age six who had died of lung cancer. As I was also the mother of two young children, I kept thinking about those other two children who would never "know their mother." If only this mother had been able to create a movie or video recording of her life, hopes, and dreams for her kids, I thought, perhaps those children would grow up having a stronger sense of who their mom was.

The Memories Live interviewees are often uplifted by the experience of celebrating

their lives and knowing they have created a legacy of memory for their families. One such woman, a 65-year old Jewish mother/grandmother, made her video just before she died of cancer. Her grateful son learned things about his mother he never knew—but more importantly, he cherishes being able to hear and see her at anytime he wants—to watch her purse her lips and shake her head when she's thinking, to take in her voice. And because his chil-

dren are unlikely to remember her when they are older, he is thankful to have this way to keep her "alive" for them.

FAVORITE JEWISH MENTOR:

For my master's thesis in Art Therapy I interviewed a Holocaust survivor who had been hidden with her mother and sister in an attic without windows. Her only link to the outside world was a small crack in the wall. She would stare at it for countless hours, imagining what it felt like to be outside. Today she paints magnificent flowers and trees and a sky filled with the richest of colors—creating over and over again what she missed while in hiding. She is my hero.

FAVORITE JEWISH EXPERIENCE:

Camping out in the Judean Desert while in Israel for a semester at Tel Aviv University. Laying down to sleep in such silence on the arid, rough terrain amidst so many stars, I thought of how many people and religions had passed through here, one of the most peaceful places on Earth.