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DEDICATION

To my son, Aaron (Yisroel Kopel): Always remember who you are and to see the good. Your smiles and giggles light up a room and our life.

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To my mother Penina, father Alex, brother Avi, and sister Jennifer, thank you for your love and support throughout my childhood and now into adulthood; life truly is a journey and I am blessed to have you as my family.

To my beautiful wife Rachael, thank you for your everlasting love and support. You are a loving spouse to me and the best mother to our son, Aaron.

To my very special Safta, you have seen us grow from grandchildren, to spouses and parents. Your love and wisdom inspires us each day, to appreciate life and be happy. I am blessed to be your grandson. I am honored to share your story and ensure that it is passed down to the next generation, beginning with your great-grandchildren Alana Paige Fried and Aaron Gabriel Fried.

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PREFACE

When I had written the first edition of this book in 2013, little did I know that additional chapters would be added in my journey to document my grandparents' lives and stories. At the time I found my bashert, now, my beautiful wife, Rachael. I knew that one day, we could be blessed with our own family. With gratitude to Hashem, we are now parents to a



handsome son, Aaron (Hebrew name: Yisroel Kopel ben Chaim Ber, after my paternal grandfather, Israel Fried (Yisroel Kopel ben Matisyahu). As a grandson of four Holocaust survivors and now a father, it is my responsibility to keep the flame alive for the next generation. What future generations will read will be via textbooks, and what they will hear will be via audio recordings. The reality is that many survivors of the Holocaust are now in their 70's and older. It is becoming more difficult to document their lives and stories. Be it for health reasons or because of the painful memories, many survivors cannot tell their stories. It is for this reason that books such as From Generation To... need to be written. By doing so, we are giving a voice to all those who suffered, while educating the future. My hope is that the next generation, our children, will encourage a world of peace, love and harmony for generations to come.

Robert B. Fried – May 2017

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A Message from the Illustrator

It has been a privilege for me to illustrate this book of poetry for Robert Fried and his family. This is not a book about tragedy, but more a book about optimism. Told through the heart felt poetry of a boy, this is a book about triumph over adversity. Robert's family, along with countless other families suffered so much, but those who survived were strong enough to pick themselves up and make a life for themselves, finding joy in the love of their family, and inspiring future generations with their strength. That boy is now a husband and father who has devoted much of his life to finding out what happened to his family during the holocaust, and to record what he has found for future generations to learn from. I hope my artwork helps to bring the story to life. Robert's poetry reflects such a range of emotions. People of all ages need to be able to read this and to understand what this generation experienced, and to never forget the strength of character that got them through.



