**Simple opening questions:**

* Tell me about yourself
* Where are you from?
* Look around the room to see if there are any photos and if so ask them to
* Tell you about them
* What hobbies do you/did you enjoy?
* What are your favorite books or movies?
* What is your family like, do you have brothers and sisters, tell me about them?
* What is/was your husband/wife like ?
* What legacy would you like to leave?
* What do you wish you knew at my age that you know now?
* What role does Judaism fill in your life?
* How did you celebrate the holidays growing up?
* (insert holiday) is coming up, how did you celebrate growing up ?

From Nancy Ludin, CEO of the Jewish Pavilion