

# Basic Detail Report

## Title Interview with Jacob Mendelssohn

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Description (a) Audio file of interview with Jacob Mendelssohn. He was interviewed by Lauren Palen on 26 February 2025 in West Hartford, CT. (b)

Photograph of Jacob Mendelssohn taken at his interview. Jacob (Jake)

Mendelssohn was interviewed as part of the Connecticut Museum of Culture and History's Community History Project discussing moments of change in his life.

The interview is conducted by Lauren Palen for the Community History Project

at the Connecticut Museum of Culture and History. The interviewee, Jacob

(Jake) Mendelssohn, introduces himself, as a semi retired individual and he

discusses his change of how everything he planned for did not happen and how

his life turned out to be something completely unexpected. Jacob starts his

story off by describing his childhood in Pennsylvania and interests of building

various things. He eventually wanted to become an engineer. He faced some

pushback from his parents as they wanted something different for him. He

ended up studying chemical engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

After this experience, he found himself struggling to find work he really enjoyed.

He then found a teaching job at Talcott Mountain Science Center in Avon,

Connecticut. He enjoyed this experience greatly as it offered him an opportunity

to learn and teach various subjects. This opportunity opened him up to the

Connecticut Invention Convention, which he is still a part of today, and his

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teaching position at Greater Hartford Academy of Math and Science. Jacob

describes various stories working for the Connecticut Invention Convention and

how this has given him the opportunity to travel, learn from others, and interact

with people and their ideas all over the world. This gives him great pride and joy

to continue learning and working with these people. He describes how he did

not let his formal education limit his opportunities and how important it is to

keep having learning experiences. Jacob mentions certain stories of people who

have impacted him through the work that he was doing and how much that

means to him. He emphasizes the importance of learning experiences and how

they have changed everything he planned for in life.

Dimensions Duration: 50 Minutes, 17 Seconds