



## **Esther Wedner**

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Esther was born and raised in New Orleans, one of six children whose parents immigrated from Israel where three generations of her family had lived. After graduating with a degree in sociology from Sophie Newcomb College (Tulane U) she attended business school for a year. After she married, she moved to Pennsylvania, had two children and got an MA in counseling from the U. of Pittsburgh. She was a first grade teacher for 10 years and then a counselor for student nurses at a teaching hospital for 13 years. She lived in California, PA until 1981 when she moved to California, USA

Esther lived in southern California for eight years before moving north to Soquel, and now to SRC. She made the move to be near her son and family; her daughter lives in Virginia. She has five grandsons, five step-grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She is enjoying her first dog, Benny, a pugapoo.

Esther's hobbies are acting and singing. She is also the co-author with her sister of "What to Say When," a book on effective communication which grew out of seminars they gave. She enjoys the family tradition of observing the Sabbath on Friday night with dinner and candle lighting. She has taken many cruises, several trips to Israel and found China the most fascinating place she has visited.