

PRE-WAR JEWISH LIFE PHOTO PROJECT

INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENTS

In order to better understand what Jewish cultural and communal life was like in Europe before World War II, you will be finding photographs from that time period and analyzing them, as well as researching the town(s) where the photos were taken. Follow the assignments below in order, working at your own pace.

ASSIGNMENT #1, Photo Collection

- Research and import into a Google Doc two photos that reflect Jewish life prior to the Nazi invasion of that country using the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's Web site, www.ushmm.org (go to drop down menu museum/collections and archives/photo archives).
- Search the collection of thousands of photos using keywords (check the list brainstormed in class). **Remember, the photo must be taken before the war began (BEFORE SEPT. 1939) and it must be in Europe (Shanghai is in China).**
- Once you have found a photo you would like to use, right click on it, copy it, and paste it into a Google document.
- Then return to the photo on the Web site, and copy and paste the date and locate to the Google doc with the photo (do **NOT** include any other information, including the captions).
- Other guidelines for choosing photos:
 - o People must be in the photo.
 - o The photo cannot be what's classified as a portrait.
 - o The photo must include the date and place that the photo was taken.

ASSIGNMENT #2, Photo Analysis

- Write captions for both photos using the worksheets given.

ASSIGNMENT #3, Photo Parallel (for homework)

- Find a family photo at home that relates in some way to **one** of those you researched to bring to class. Now write an organized, well-thought-out and complete response to the following questions concerning the photos, typing the response below the USHMM photo it corresponds with:
 - o In examining your researched photos, what evidence suggests that life was normal for Jews before the Nazis?
 - o What did you find as you looked through your own family's photos in relation to those that you had researched? Which one did you choose to share that relates and why?
 - o In comparing the photos, how do they show the similarities between you, your family, or your community and those in the researched photos?
 - o What do these photos, yours and the researched ones, tell you about Jewish life in Europe before World War II?

ASSIGNMENT #4, Photo Research

- Research the town/city that is the setting of **one** of your photos (preferably the one that you didn't get a matching family photo for) and type the information below the corresponding photo in the Google Doc. You should determine the following:
 - o How large was the town's/city's Jewish population and how long had Jews been living there?
 - o What was Jewish life/culture in the town/city like prior to the Nazi invasion?
 - o Where is or was that town/city located?
 - o When and how did the town/city come under Nazi rule (timeline)?
 - o What was the fate of this particular town's/city's Jews during the Holocaust?

This project is worth 40 points and will be graded by the rubric shared in class. Please give your family photos and project to Mrs. Goss via printed copy or flash drive.