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LESSON: Exploring Pre World War Two Jewish Life

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What are the differences between photography in the 1930s and today?
2. In examining your archival photos, what can you learn about Jewish life before World War II and the Holocaust from this photograph?
3. What did you find as you looked through your own personal photos in relation to those that you had researched?
4. Which one did you choose to share that relates and why?
5. Compare your photo with the photo you selected from the archive. What do you notice?
6. What do these photos, yours and the researched ones, tell you about Jewish life in Europe before World War II?

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USHMM DIGITAL ARCHIVES RESEARCH

Go to the [collections search homepage](#) and search for photographs that reflect Jewish life prior to Nazi invasion, annexation, or occupation of the country where the photo was taken.

Choose two photographs from the USHMM collections. The photos should meet the following criteria:

- The photograph must contain people
- The photo cannot be a portrait
- The photo should relate to the personal photograph you chose prior to the lesson
- You can change your personal photo if you see a photo in the archives that reminds you of another specific personal photograph.
- The photo must include the date and place that the photo was taken
- The photo needs to be taken prior to Nazi invasion, annexation, or occupation of the country. Refer to the *Holocaust Encyclopedia* article [The Holocaust and World War II: Key Dates](#) for invasion dates

Complete the [National Archives](#) photo analysis tool for your selected photographs. Using your completed analysis guides write a caption for their photo that answers to the extent possible: Who, What, Where, When, Why and How? Note questions you need more information to answer.

Write your caption here: