

Barrack Museum of Polish Jewry

This year the entire 9th grade will be hosting a special museum exhibit highlighting the story of Polish Jewry before, during and after the Shoah. Many of our own stories share some of these experiences. In this assignment, you will be uncovering your family's pre-United States narrative. The first step is interviewing family members with memories or knowledge of life before their move to America.

I. Whom to interview? _____

II. What to bring to the interview:

- recording device
- paper and pen
- your questions
- post-it notes for labeling photos and artifacts

III. Ideas for questions

- Where did you (or they) grow up?
- What was the neighborhood like?
- Were opportunities the same for boys and girls?
- What did people do for fun or on vacation?
- What jobs did people in your (or their) family have?
- What was happening in your country?
- How did you (or they) celebrate Shabbat?
- Why did you (or they) come to the United States?

IV. Collect photos or artifacts that help tell your story

V. Due Tuesday, January 5 (20 points):

- Type a 1 page double spaced summary of your family's pre-United States story
- Include a map that shows where your family is from
- Include a family tree that identifies your relationship to the people in the story