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## Pre-War Jewish Life in Eastern Europe

### Shabbtai Sonenson and Teacher



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Shabbtai (Shepske) Sonenson takes one of the shtetl's Hebrew teachers for a ride on his new motorcycle, 1941.

## Jewish Family in Kalisz



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A family in Kalisz, Poland, May 16, 1935.

## Friends in Shtetl



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A group of friends sledding in the shtetl, January 12, 1932.

## Kalecka Jewish Elementary School



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Pupils in the second grade work in their classroom at the Kalecka Jewish elementary school in Warsaw, Poland, ca. 1937–1938.

## Bar Mitzvah at Zerrennerstrasse Synagogue



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Ludwig Nachmann, the president of the congregation, follows the Torah reading during a bar mitzvah at the liberal Zerrennerstrasse synagogue in Pforzheim, Germany, 1936.

## Three Generations of a Jewish Family, Vilnius, Lithuania



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Three generations of a Jewish family in Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania, in 1938 or 1939. In the eighteenth century, Vilnius (Vilna in Yiddish) was a center of Jewish learning. By the 1920s and 1930s roughly a half of the city's inhabitants were Jews.

## A Children's Volleyball Team in Szczuczyn, Poland



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A volleyball team in Szczuczyn, Poland. In the interwar years, it was not uncommon for Jewish children to participate in school or community recreational activities with non-Jewish children. Despite the lurking danger of antisemitism, Jews often had close relationships with Christians, which led many to believe that Jewish integration was possible and might even be welcomed.

## Huber Sisters in Czechoslovakia, 1920



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Irenka and Eliska Huber, sisters, at their home in Czechoslovakia in 1920.



## Ensemble of Jewish Musicians in Latvia, 1930s



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A small ensemble of Jewish musicians performs in Riga, Latvia, in the 1930s.