



I included a family photo of my grandfather with his parents and sisters at his bar mitzvah. My great grandparents came separately from Russia and Poland during the early 1900s due to the pogroms of the Russian Empire. Religious persecution was the reason they were thrown out and migrated to the United States. I showed a photo of my grandfather's bar mitzvah because I wanted to show the bravery of my family to keep their faith strong despite the strong antisemitism that was happening globally. A few years after migrating to the United States, the Holocaust began in Europe and both of my great grandparents' families were mainly wiped out who were still living in Europe. Despite the long hardships they witnessed they made sure my grandfather and his sisters remained proud to be Jewish. I am so thankful for their resilience because I would not be here today. My grandfather has made it known to me and his other grandchildren how important it is to keep our faith strong. There are 0.2% Jewish people in the world, which is why the Jewish community tries to remain strong despite the many setbacks. This is also why I wanted my family to be a part of the scrapbook. I wanted to provide some representation for the Jewish community to display just one of our migration stories.