

# JEWISH GENEALOGY

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Call numbers or other location information follow each entry. Books with call numbers beginning with "R" may be used in the library only.

## GENERAL RESOURCES AND GUIDES

David, Jo. *How to Trace Your Jewish Roots: Discovering Your Unique History*. New York: Kensington Publishing Corporation, 2000. Call No. 929.1089 D249H.

Goldstein, Irene Saunders. *Jewish Genealogy Beginner's Guide*. Vienna, Va.: Jewish Genealogy Society of Greater Washington, 1992. Call No. Q 929.1089 J59.

Hubman, Franz. *The Jewish Family Album*. Boston: Little, Brown and Company, 1975. Call No. R 909.0974 H878J.

Jewish Genealogy Society of St. Louis. *Tracing Your Jewish Family Tree: Its Roots and Branches*. St. Louis: Jewish Genealogy Society of St. Louis, 1997. Call No. R 929.1 J59T

*JewishGen: The Home of Jewish Genealogy*. Website online. <http://www.jewishgen.org>. This website links many databases, such as Shtetl Seeker, Yizkor Book Project, International Jewish Cemetery Project, and many international Jewish genealogy databases.

Krasner-Khait, Barbara. *Discovering Your Jewish Ancestors*. North Salt Lake, Utah: Heritage Quest, 2001. Call No. R 929.1089 K89D

Kurzweil, Arthur. *From Generation to Generation: How to Trace Your Jewish Genealogy and Family History*. San Francisco, Calif.: Jossey-Bass, 2004. Call No. R 929.1 K96F.

Malka, Jeffrey S. *Sephardic Genealogy: Discovering Your Sephardic Ancestors and Their World*. Bergenfield, N.J.: Avotaynu, 2002. Call No. R 929.1089 M251S.

Sack, Sallyann Amdur and Gary Mokotoff. *Avotaynu Guide to Jewish Genealogy*. Bergenfield, N.J.: Avotaynu, 2004. Call No. Q 929.1 A962.

Schleifer, Jay. *A Student's Guide to Jewish American Genealogy*. Phoenix, Ariz.: Oryx Press, 1996. Call No. 929.1 S341S.

Spivak, Michelle. *Jewish War Veterans of the United States*. Paducah, Ky.: Turner Publishing Company, 1996. Call No. R 369.1 S761J.

Wigoder, Geoffrey. *Encyclopedia Judaica*. 17 vols. Jerusalem: Encyclopaedia Judaica, 1996. Call No. R 909.04 E563.

## CEMETERIES

Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies. *Jewish Cemeteries throughout the World*. Microfiche. Teaneck, N.J.: Avotaynu, 1995. Call No. R 929.5 J59.

Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies. *List of 56,000 Jewish Burials*. Microfiche. Teaneck, N.J.: Avotaynu, 1995. Call No. R 929.5 L773.

Ehl, Petr. *Old Bohemian and Moravian Jewish Cemeteries*. Paseka, Prague: Kynsperk and Ohří, 1991. Call No. R 943.71 E33O.

“Cemetery Index and Funeral Home Index.” Database online. Jewish Special Interest Group, St. Louis Genealogical Society. <http://www.stlgs.org/igs-StLouis/index.html>.

## HISTORICAL ATLASES

Barnavi, Levi. *A Historical Atlas of the Jewish People: From the Time of the Patriarchs to the Present*. New York: Schocken Books, 1994. Call No. R 909.049 H673.

Beinart, Haim. *Atlas of Medieval Jewish History*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1992. Call No. R 909.0492 B422A

Gilbert, Martin. *Jewish History Atlas*. New York: The MacMillan Company, 1969. Call No. R 912.1 G465J.

Magoscsi, Paul Robert. *Historical Atlas of East Central Europe*. Seattle: University of Washington Press, 1993. Call No. Q 911.47 M211H.

Pogonowski, Iwo Cyprian. *Poland: A Historical Atlas*. New York: Hippocrene Books, Inc., 1987. Call No. R 943.8 P746P.

## HOLOCAUST

See “Guide to Holocaust Research,” available in the Special Collections Department.

## IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION

See also “Guide to Immigration & Naturalization Records,” available in the Special Collections Department.

Schmoock, Matthias. *Auswandererhafen Hamburg - Emigration Port Hamburg*. Hamburg: Medien-Verlag Schubert, 2000. Call No. R 943.515 A938.

Smith, Clifford Neal. *Reconstructed Passenger Lists for 1851 via Hamburg: Emigrants from Germany, Austria, Bohemia, Hungary, Poland, Russia, Scandinavia, and Switzerland to Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, the United States, and Venezuela*. McNeal, Ariz.: Westland Publications, 1986. Call No. Q 929.3 S644R.

## LANGUAGE RESOURCES

Frazin, Judith R. *A Translation Guide to 19th-Century Polish-Language Civil Registration Documents*. Northbrook, Ill. : Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois, 1989. Call No. R 943.8 F848T.

Harkavy, Alexander. *English-Yiddish Dictionary*. Hebrew Publishing Company, 1891. Call No. R 492.49 H282.

- Rosten, Leo Calvin. *The Joys of Yiddish*. New York: McGraw, 1968. Call No. R 492.49 R839J.
- Shea, Jonathan D. *In their Words: A Genealogist's Translation Guide to Polish, German, Latin, Russian Documents*. New Britain, Conn.: Language & Lineage Press, 2000. Call No. Q 929.1072 S539.
- Shea, Jonathan D. *Following the Paper Trail : A Multilingual Translation Guide*. Teaneck, N.J.: Avotaynu, Inc. 1994. Call No. R 929.1072 S539F and Q 929.1072 S539F.
- Wheeler, Marcus. *The Oxford Russian-English Dictionary*. London: Clarendon Press, 1972. Call No. R 491.7 W563O.

### LOCALE-SPECIFIC RESOURCES

- Blady, Ken. *Jewish Communities in Exotic Places*. Northvale, N.J.: Jason Aronson, 2000. Call No. R 950.04 B632J.
- Cohen, Chester G. *Shtetl Finder: Jewish Communities in the 19th and Early 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries in the Pale of Settlement of Russia and Poland, and in Lithuania, Latvia, Galicia, and Bukovina, with Names of Residents*. Bowie, Md.: Heritage Books, 1989. Call No. R 947 C678S.
- Cutler, Irving. *The Jews of Chicago : From Shtetl to Suburb*. Urbana, Ill.: University of Illinois Press, 1996. Call No. R 977.311 C989J.
- Guzik, Estelle. *Genealogical Resources in New York*. New York: Jewish Genealogical Society, 2003. Call No. Q 974.7 G326.
- Glicksman, William M. *Jewish Social Welfare Institutions in Poland*. Philadelphia: M. E. Kalish Folkshul, 1976. Call No. R 943.8 G559J.
- Kacyzne, Alter. *Polyn: Jewish Life in the Old Country*. New York: Metropolitan Books, 1999. Call No. R 943.8 K114P.
- Levin, Dov. *The Litvaks: A Short History of the Jews in Lithuania*. Jerusalem: Yad Vashem, 2000. Call No. R 947.93 L665L.
- Rosin, Josef. *Protecting our Litvak Heritage: A History of 50 Jewish Communities in Lithuania*. Coral Gables, Florida: Friends of the Yurburg Jewish Cemetery, Inc., 2009. Call no. R 947.93 R821P.
- Sack, Sallyann Amdur. *Russian Consular Records Index and Catalog*. New York: Garland, 1987. Call No. Q 929.1 S121R.
- Russia maintained consulates in Philadelphia, New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Honolulu, Seattle and Portland, Oregon. The consulates served emigrants who were still subjects of the Tsar in their dealings with Russia, and Russian subjects in their dealings with the United States government.
- Volovici, Hanna. *Polish Sources at the Central Archives for the History of Jewish People*. Bergenfeld, N.J.: Avotaynu Foundation, Inc., 2004. Call No. R 943.8 V929S.
- Volovici, Hanna. *Sources on Polish Jewry at the Central Archives for the History of the Jewish People*. Bergenfeld, N.J.: Avotaynu Foundation, Inc., 2004. Call No. R 943.8 V929S.
- Weiner, Miriam. *Jewish Roots in Poland: Pages from the Past and Archival Inventories*. Secaucus, N.J.: Miriam Weiner Routes to Roots, Inc., 1997. Call No. Q 943.8 N423J.

Weiner, Miriam. *Jewish Roots in Ukraine and Moldova: Pages from the Past and Archival Inventories*. Secaucus, N.J.: Miriam Weiner Routes to Roots Foundation; New York: YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, 1999. Call No. R 947.71 W423J.

Wisniewski, Tomasz. *Jewish Bialystok and Surroundings in Eastern Poland*. Ipswich, Mass.: Ipswich Press, 1998. Call no. R 943.83 W811J and Q 943.83 W811J.

### MAPS AND GAZETTEERS

Andree, Richard. *Andrees Allgemeiner Handatlas*. Leipzig: Verlag von Velhagen & Klasing, 1899. Call No. R 912 A558A. Located on the atlas stand in the Special Collections Department.

Barran, Fritz R. *Städte-Atlas Ostpreussen*. Leer: Rautenberg, 1994. Call No. R 943.83 B268S.

Kowalis, Otto K. and Vera N. *A Genealogical Guide and Atlas of Silesia*. Midvale, Utah: Keith W. Watkins, Inc., 1976. Call No. Q 943.85 K88G.

Minert, Roger P. *East Prussia Place Name Indexes*. Provo, Utah: GRT Publications, 2006. Call No. R 943.83 M664E.

Minert, Roger P. *Posen Place Name*. Provo, Utah: GRT Publications, 2004. Call No. R 943.849 M664P.

Minert, Roger P. *Silesia Place Name Indexes*. Provo, Utah, GRT Publications, 2006. Call No. R 943.815 M664S

Verlag Bibliographischen Instituts, Leipzig and Vienna. *Atlas of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, 1892*. Bountiful, Utah: Thomsen's Genealogical Center, 1990. Call No. R 943 A881.

### NAME RESEARCH

Beider, Alexander. *A Dictionary of Ashkenazic Given Names, Their Origins, Structure, Pronunciations, and Migrations*. Bergenfield, N.J.: Avotaynu, Inc., 2001. Call No. Q 929.4 B422D

Beider, Alexander. *A Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from Galicia*. Teaneck, N.J.: Avotaynu, Inc., 2004. Call No. R 929.42 B422D

Beider, Alexander. *A Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from the Kingdom of Poland*. Teaneck, N.J.: Avotaynu, Inc., 1996. Call No. R 929.42 B422D

Beider, Alexander. *A Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from the Russian Empire*. Teaneck, N.J.: Avotaynu, Inc., 1993. Call No. R 929.42 B422D

Demsky, Aaron. *These are the Names. Studies in Jewish Onomastics* (2 vols.). Ramat Gan: Bar-Ilan University Press, 1997. Call No. R929.4 T413

Gorr, Shmuel. *Jewish Personal Names: Their Origin, Derivation, and Diminutive Forms*. Teaneck, N.J.: Avotaynu, Inc., 1992. Call No. R 929.4 G673J

Menk, Lars. *A Dictionary of German-Jewish Surnames*. Bergenfield, N.J.: Avotaynu, Inc., 2005. Call No. R 929.4 M545D.

Singerman, Robert. *Jewish and Hebrew Onomastics: A Bibliography*. New York: Garland, 1977. Call No. R 929.4 S617J

## NEWSPAPERS

Newspapers are on microfilm located on Tier 4 unless otherwise noted.

*Jewish Free Press*. St. Louis, Mo.: M. C. Reefer, 1885 – 1887 (incomplete).

*Jewish Tribune*. St. Louis, Mo.: Tribune Publishing Company, 1879–1884 (incomplete).

*Jewish Voice*. St. Louis, Mo.: Jewish Voice Company, 1888–1920.

*St. Louis Jewish Light*. St. Louis, Mo.: Geoffrey Fischer, 1947-1977. Current issues are available on the newspaper shelf on Tier 3.

Other miscellaneous titles are available. Inquire at the Special Collections Reference Desk.

## PERIODICALS

*Avotaynu: The International Review of Jewish Genealogy*. Teaneck, N.J.: Gary Mokotoff, 1985- . Call No. Q 929.1089 A962. Inquire at the Special Collections Reference Desk.

*Landsmen: Quarterly Publication of the Suwalk-Lomza Interest Group for Jewish Genealogists*. Washington, D.C.: The Group, 1990- . Call no. R 949.83 L263. Inquire at the Special Collections Reference Desk.

## PUBLISHED GENEALOGIES

Sackheim, George I., *Scattered Seeds: The Descendants of Rabbi Israel, One of the Martyrs of Rozanov, Who Perished on the Second Day of Rosh Hashonah 5420 (Friday September 9, 1659)*. Skokie, Ill.: R. Sackheim Publishing Company, 1986. Call No. Q 929.2 I85S

Stern, Malcolm H. *Americans of Jewish Descent; a Compendium of Genealogy*. Reprint. New York: Ktav Publishers, 1971. Call No. R 929.1 S839A

Stern, Malcolm H. *First American Jewish Families: 600 Genealogies, 1654-1988*. Baltimore, Md.: Ottenheimer Publishers, 1991. Call No. R 929.1 S839F

Zubatsky, S. and Irwin M. Berent. *Sourcebook for Jewish Genealogies and Family Histories*. Teaneck, N.J.: Avotaynu, 1996. Call No. Q 929.1089 Z93S

## ST. LOUIS RESOURCES

Ehrlich, Walter. *Zion in the Valley: The Jewish Community of St. Louis* (2 vols.). Columbia, Mo.: University of Missouri Press, 1997. Call No. R 977.866 E33Z

*Marriage Records of Rabbi Adolph Rosentreter, 1886-1911*. St. Louis, Mo.: Eisenkramer 1987. Call No. R 977.866 M359

Rosenkranz, Samuel. *A Centennial History of Congregation Temple Israel, 1886-1986*. Creve Coeur, Mo.: Temple Israel, 1986. Call No. R 296 C397

Rosenthal, A. *Jewish Progress in Saint Louis: Religious, Charitable, Educational, Social, Mercantile*. St. Louis, Mo., 1904. Reprint, St. Louis, Mo.: Special Collections, St. Louis County Library, 2004. Call No. R 977.866 J59

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Published by Avotaynu, this microfiche set offers a valuable collection of key indices for Jewish genealogical research, some of which cannot be easily found elsewhere. A finding aid is available. Inquire at the Special Collections Reference Desk. Topics include:

- Consolidated Jewish Surname Index
- JewishGen Family Finder
- Jewish Cemeteries Throughout the World
- List of 56,000 Jewish Burials
- Jewish Residents in Canada, 1861-1901
- Jewish Genealogical Societies Publications
- Romanian Census Records
- Index, Jewish U.S. Department of State Records
- Black Book of Localities where Jews were Exterminated by Nazis
- Index to Jewish Vital Records of Slovakia

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