JGSGB Research Collection

This is the current listing of the non-circulating research collection maintained by the JGSGB. The resources labeled (TE) are available for use during JGSGB programs held at Temple Emanuel in Newton. See the JGSGB website for the schedule of programs – www.jgsgb.org.

The JGSGB also maintains a non-circulating research collection in the Wyner Center of the American Jewish Historical Society, New England Archives, located on the fifth floor of the New England Historic Genealogical Society Library at 99-101 Newbury Street, Boston, Mass. 02116.

For directions and contact information, go to http://ajhsboston.org/contact-us/

The reading room hours are Monday through Thursday, 9AM-5 PM, and Friday 9AM-2PM. For more information, call 617-226-1245.

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BEGINNING RESEARCH
Listing by states and countries of genealogical societies, libraries, research centers, and religious organizations.


A summary of North American record repositories and their holdings, with some useful appendices.


Shows techniques and resources for doing Jewish genealogical research from pre-beginners to intermediate with a 70-book bibliography for use in Jewish genealogy.

Identifies the principal sources of information about Holocaust victims and survivors, identifies the major repositories in the world that have this information, and tells how to contact them.


**CEMETERY RESEARCH**


A guide to famous Jewish cemeteries with information about how to read Jewish gravestones, and how to care for them, etc.


Explains how to interpret Hebrew inscriptions on tombstones.

**DICTIONARIES OF NAMES**


A compilation of more than 32,000 Jewish surnames with origins in that part of the Russian Empire known as the “Kingdom of Poland”.


More than 15,000 given names have their origins in 735 root names. These lists include detailed descriptions of the origin of the names and a list of variant and derivative names.
Historical information on the Galician region from the 14th century and on the meaning and incidence of more than 25,000 Jewish surnames there.


A compilation of 17,000 surnames that were used by Jews who lived in Spain and Portugal for 15 centuries and later spread across the world as Sephardim, marranos, and conversos. There is also a lengthy summary of Sephardic history and a linguistic essay about Sephardic names.


This is the equivalent for German names of the Alexander Beider books on Russia, Poland and Galicia. It gives more than 13,000 surnames from the area that was pre-World War I Germany, including for each the etymology, alternative names and geographical incidence.

**DNA AND GENEALOGY**

**FAMILY HISTORIES AND GENEALOGIES**
The story of a family’s history from Krakow to Australia.


Jaffe, D.J. *The Jaffe, Solsky, Stohn, Belgard, Davis, Wagner, Gommermann, Pelzer, Flores, Salazar, Sanchez, Alper, German, Kanow, Bressler and other families related to Dominique, Danielle and Bosco*. New York, NY: D.J. Jaffe, 2007. (AJHS)
Documents the continuous history of an ancient and distinguished Ahkenazi family that claims descent from King David and traces its origin back to medieval France.

Biographical Sketches and Genealogy of Illustrious Jewish Families from the 15th-20th Century.


This is an account of Tess Schwarz’s family’s escape from Russia and how forty related families were brought to Australia as a result of their efforts.

The story of one family, with Boston roots, that includes many indexed surnames, with special emphasis on Golubchin, Gollub/Golub, Perlin, Schumitzky, Turetsky and Zlatnikov.

Lists Jewish genealogies and family histories, both published and unpublished, for over 10,000 family names.

**IDENTIFYING LOCALITIES, TOWNS, and SHTETLS**
Lists 1,200 Jewish communities in the 19th and early 20th centuries in the Pale of Settlement of Russia, and Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Galicia and Bukovina, with names of residents, listed alphabetically by their Yiddish spelling.

Identifies 23,500 towns in Central and Eastern Europe where Jews lived before the Holocaust with alternate names, latitude/longitude, and Jewish population before the Holocaust.

An alphabetical listing of Jewish communities that thrived during the early part of the 20th century and synopsis of its history and people.

**IMMIGRATION, NATURALIZATION, AND PASSENGER LISTS**
 Helps researcher navigate through various indexes to passenger arrival records and to books and articles about the immigrant experience.

Six-volume index, thus far, of Russian immigrants arriving at the Port of New York from January 1875-June 1891. Information extracted from original ships' passenger lists. Name, age, sex, occupation, country of origin, place of residence and destination included for each person. Project expected to extend to the year 1910. N.B. Vols. 1-2: "Port of NY," others: "U.S. Ports."


This book traces the experiences of Jewish immigrant women from their origins in Russia and Poland to their new lives in the United States in the early twentieth century.

**PHOTOGRAPHIC RESEARCH**
These books help identify the date of old family photographs from printing techniques, hair and clothing styles, etc. and shows many examples.

**PHOTOGRAPHS**


**TRANSLATION GUIDES**


- Volume 1: Polish. Includes Polish-language documents analyzed and translated; sections on Polish grammar, phonetics, and spelling; information on how to locate records in America and Europe, including contact information for various archives in Poland and neighboring countries; a chapter on gazetteers and how to use them, with 12 maps showing Poland's changing borders and administrative subdivisions. (TE)
- Volume 2: Russian. Includes Russian-language documents analyzed and translated; information on how to locate records in America and Europe; a chapter on gazetteers and how to use them, with ten (10) maps showing Russia's changing borders and divisions; and letter writing guides for Russian, Lithuanian and Ukrainian. (Both)

**WRITING AND COPYRIGHT GUIDES**


**RESEARCH BY LOCATION**

**ARGENTINA**


Yiddish Title "Goldener Bukh fun Yidishn Argentine." This is a collection of articles, mostly in Yiddish with a few in Spanish, about the Jews of Argentina, published to commemorate the 100th year of Jewish settlement in Argentina. Most of the articles are biographical, but a few are about companies or Jewish institutions. Includes a name index.
AUSTRALIA

This is an account of Tess Schwarz’s family’s escape from Russia and how forty related families were brought to Australia as a result of their efforts.

AUSTRIA
Sources for vital records immigration records, Holocaust records, and other materials of interest to Jewish researchers.

BALTIC COUNTRIES

BELARUS
Sallis, Dorit, Marek Web, editors. *Jewish Documentary Sources in Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus: A Preliminary List*. NY: Jewish Theological Seminary of America, 1996. (AJHS)

CANADA

CENTRAL EUROPE
This reference book shows the political boundaries, ethnic populations, industrial activity, geographic features, and religious distribution of population in Central Europe in the period from 400 to 2000.

CZECH REPUBLIC

ESTONIA
A listing of genealogical resources for studying Latvia and Estonia.

FRANCE
**GALICIA**


Historical information on the Galician region from the 14th century and on the meaning and incidence of more than 25,000 Jewish surnames there.

Lenius, Brian J. *Genealogical Gazetteer of Galicia.* Manitoba, Canada: Brian J. Lenius, 1999. (TE)

Contains very comprehensive lists of information on Galicia – estate lists, place names and maps.


A collection of black and white photographs with entries in English, Ukrainian, Polish and Hebrew.


A comprehensive history of Jewish life in Galicia, covers vital records and numerous other types of research materials, and guidance on traveling. It also has extensive lists of Jewish surnames and of towns where Jews resided.

**GERMANY**


A heavily illustrated story in English and German of this major port of emigration and the experience of those who traveled from there.


A monograph about resources for German-Jewish research in present-day Germany, in areas that belonged to German-speaking rulers, and in other German-speaking countries. Covers libraries, archives, electronic catalogues and other sources. A translation of a 1992 work in German.


Sources for vital records immigration records Holocaust records, and other materials of interest to Jewish researchers.
HUNGARY
This reference book lists 12,000 towns in 19th century Hungary, an area that comprises regions of today’s Austria, Croatia, Hungary, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia and the Slovak Republic. It locates each town in 1877, gives alternate and current names and the population of various ethnic groups, including Jews.

ISRAEL

LATVIA
A listing of genealogical resources for studying Latvia and Estonia

LITHUANIA

A compilation of history, photos, and lists of people sent to the Vilnius Ghetto. Written in English, Lithuanian and Russian.

A compilation of names of Lithuanian victims of the Holocaust derived from Yizkor books, NKVD lists, survivors and friends of Holocaust victims; a guide to available research resources including films, websites, atlases, and book titles. Also work camp lists, ghetto lists, and concentration camp lists; testimonies; essays pertaining to the Lithuanian Holocaust.

The comprehensive story of a single shtetl that stands for life in all shtetls in the Jewish Pale of Settlement from the Middle Ages to the 20th century.


A history of Lithuanian Jewry with a lexicon of towns including Yiddish and modern spellings and photographs of Jewish life in Lithuania.


Detailed information about 31 towns, including many surnames and many pictures.
A history of 21 Jewish communities in Lithuania.


**MOLDOVA**
Weiner, Miriam, in cooperation with the Ukrainian State Archives and Moldovan National Archives. *Jewish Roots in Ukraine and Moldova: Pages from the Past and Archival Inventories.* New York: Roots to Roots Foundation and YIVO Institute for Jewish Records, 1999. (Both)

**POLAND**
A history of Poland and information for the genealogist.
A list of the original 5, 173 persons living in the Grand Duchy of Posen, with information on their names, towns of residence and occupations.
Streit, Leon, *Dzieje Wielkiej Miejskiej Synagogi w Stanislawowkie*
Reprint of rare book on synagogues of Stanislaw, Poland, in Polish and Yiddish, along with two letters in English written from the town in 1936. (AJHS)
Information on Jews as a whole in Poland, followed by regional and then community entries, as it exists in more than 1000 places in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.
Weiner, Miriam, in cooperation with the Polish State Archives. *Jewish Roots in Poland: Pages from the Past and Archival Inventories.* New York: Routes to Roots Foundation and YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, 1998. (Both)
A lavishly-produced book, with over 500 black & white and color photographs, many of pre-war
scenes of Jewish Poland. Reports on 28 cities which had a 1939 Jewish population of 10,000 or more. Archival holdings, listed alphabetically, for over 1200 towns.

RUSSIA


SOUTH AFRICA


Contains historical information and many lists of people who spent time at Poor Jews Temporary Shelter in London, 1885-1914.

UKRAINE


Inventory, by town, of records and where they are held: Jewish community records, police records, vital records, revision lists and tax records.


Contains a detailed history of Ukraine including events that affected the Jews.


Sallis, Dorit, and Marek Web, eds. *Jewish Documentary Sources in Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus: A Preliminary List*. NY: The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, 1996. (AJHS)
Weiner, Miriam, in cooperation with the Ukrainian State Archives and Moldovan National Archives. *Jewish Roots in Ukraine and Moldova: Pages from the Past and Archival Inventories*. New York: Roots to Roots Foundation and YIVO Institute for Jewish Records, 1999. (Both)

**UNITED KINGDOM**


A pictorial remembrance of London’s East End with lists of names.


Sources for vital records, hospital records, cemeteries and other materials of Jewish interest.

**UNITED STATES**


An alphabetical listing by state of men and women in the war, the branch of service they were in and any medals or awards they received.


**ILLINOIS**

**CHICAGO**


Chicago synagogues of Lawndale and stops along the way.

Portrays the mosaic of life in what became known as Chicago’s Great West Side, including more than 85 current or historic photographs of the synagogues in Lawndale, founded to accommodate the influx of Eastern European Jews as they moved from the Maxwell Street area.

**MASSACHUSETTS**

**BOSTON**


Short histories with pictures of towns and areas around Boston before 1985 with descriptions of
congregations, rituals, education, and community organizations.
Morris, Norm. *Ghetto Memories: Growing up In Dorchester/Roxbury/Mattapan.* (Self published, 1999) (TE)


**HAVERHILL**
An account of Jewish life and work in Haverhill, Massachusetts, 1880-1940.

**LAWRENCE**


**NEW BEDFORD**

**NORTH SHORE**
Published on behalf of the Jewish Historical Society of the North Shore.

Lavishly illustrated story of Jews in Lynn, Salem, Peabody, Marblehead, Swampscott, Beverly and Saugus in the 20th century.

**NEW YORK**


**PENNSYLVANIA**
**PHILADELPHIA**
RHODE ISLAND
A well illustrated and indexed story of the Rhode Island Jewish community from colonial times through the present.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

MAPS
Available at Temple Emanuel

1. Posen. Scale 1:100,000 (no date)

Includes: map of Warsaw Ghetto; Centers of Hasidism; cemeteries; Ghettos; concentration camps; death camps, synagogues (incl. those open now)

3. Austro-Hungarian Empire, 1898

4. Russia, Ukraine, 1882. (Scale 1: 6,100,000 or 1”=96 miles

5. Galicia, 1882. Scale 1:2,700,000

6. The Duchy of Warsaw in 1809 and Congress of Poland 1815.
   (includes Danzig, Bialystok, Austrian partition, Krakow)

7. Independent Poland (1920-1939)

8. Poland 1921-1939 with Administrative Districts.

9. Sites of Prewar Jewish Residence in Lithuania

10. Baltic and Belorussian Lands Annexed by the Russian Empire, 1721-1807, including the partitions of Poland (1772-1795)

11. Prerevolutionary Provinicial organization under the Russian Empire in the Baltic and Belorussian Areas (Late 19th Century to 1917)


14. Prussia – 1862-1871

15. Westrussland. Scale 1:3,700,000

16. The Jewish Pale of Settlement in Russia, 1835-1917. [Poster]

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