

Reunited and it Feels So Good
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There is no way this list could be comprehensive; many searches are region specific. But here are a few general resources I find useful in my work reuniting families.

- Yad Vashem's [Central Database of Shoah Victims' Names](#). For pages of testimony, always look at who left them and what their relationship to the victim was; look at every other testimony that person provided. You can sometimes reconstruct entire families this way.
- [USHMM Holocaust Survivors and Victims Database](#)
- [Bad Arolsen archives](#): detailed information on both victims and survivors.
- [BeenVerified](#), for finding people in the U.S. Will provide contact info, names of potential relatives, and often link to social media accounts. This is a paid service and I find it worth it. Free services include [familytreenow.com](#).
- [Facebook](#): When friend lists are public, you can sometimes figure out a person's network and make contact with your targets.
- [Google!](#) You'd be amazed at how much you can find with smart google searches.
- [The JewishGen FamilyFinder](#): a simple but effective tool to connect with people searching for certain surnames in certain locations.
- Facebook genealogy groups: [Tracing the Tribe](#), [Jewish Genealogy Portal](#) and [The Jewish DNA Group](#). For a good grounding in learning unknown parent search techniques, I recommend <https://www.facebook.com/groups/DNADetectives> and [Genetic Genealogy Tips and Techniques](#). For translations, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/GenealogicalTranslations>

DNA Resources:

- "What are the Odds" for unknown parent cases: <https://dnainter.com/tools/probability>
- The shared cM project, to know how much DNA relatives typically share: <https://dnainter.com/tools/sharedcmv4>
- Lara Diamond's Ashkenazic Shared DNA Survey, showing how much DNA Jewish relatives typically share: <https://larasgenealogy.blogspot.com/2022/08/ashkenazic-shared-dna-survey-august.html>
- <https://thegeneticgenealogist.com/2017/03/11/are-you-doing-everything-to-identify-your-matches/> How do you figure out who your match is if they won't reply? Some tips from Blaine Bettinger.

For Further Reading:

Frieda's story: <https://www.tabletmag.com/sections/community/articles/an-unexpected-family-reunion>

Jackie's back story, from 2019: <https://www.tabletmag.com/sections/arts-letters/articles/jackie-young-yom-hashoah>

The Times of Israel follow up: <https://www.timesofisrael.com/uk-man-who-survived-concentration-camp-as-baby-finally-learns-his-familys-identity/>

Bronislava's testimony (may require registration): <https://vhaonline.usc.edu/viewingPage?testimonyID=43191&returnIndex=0>

My *Washington Post* article about the importance of doing this work: https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/holocaust-jewish-genealogy-dna/2021/05/27/af8d21b8-be8d-11eb-b26e-53663e6be6ff_story.html

A blog post about the process and methods for finding more info about those lost in the Holocaust: <https://jenmen.substack.com/p/serendipity>

Daniel Mendelsohn's *The Lost*, soon to be featured in the Ken Burns PBS documentary "The U.S. and the Holocaust." <https://www.amazon.com/Lost-Search-Six-Million-P-S/dp/0062277774>