

USING THE INTERNET FOR JEWISH GENEALOGY

The Internet is a wonderful tool for researchers. Organizations and individuals create and maintain websites. Some sites are easy to use and others not so much. It is very helpful to maintain your own personal list of useful websites, but you are also warned that the owner of the website may remove a page at any time, so if you find a webpage that is critical to your research, such as a list of family members or a map showing your family's shtetl; print it and keep a copy with your records for easy reference.

This list is by no means complete, but it is a good place to start.

Genealogical sites specifically for Jewish genealogy

1. JewishGen www.jewishgen.org
 - a. JewishGen Info Files www.jewishgen.org/infocfiles
 - b. JewishGen's Frequently asked questions (FAQ)
www.jewishgen.org/infocfiles/faq
 - c. JewishGen Family Finder (JGFF) www.jewishgen.org/jgff
 - d. Family Tree of the Jewish People (FTJP)
www.jewishgen.org/gedcom
 - e. JewishGen Shtetl Seeker
www.jewishgen.org/databases/ShtetlSeeker
 - f. JewishGen's database section www.jewishgen.org/databases
 - g. Special Interest Groups (SIGs) www.jewishgen.org/listserv/sigs.htm
2. Routes to Roots Foundation (RTRF) www.rtrfoundation.org
 - a. RTRF listing of administrative divisions and administrative districts during different timeframes and in different countries
<http://www.rtrfoundation.org/admindist.html>
3. U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum www.ushmm.org
4. International Tracing Service: <http://www.its-arolsen.org>
5. ITS inventory: <http://resources.ushmm.org/itsinventory>
6. Yad Vashem <http://www.yadvashem.org>
7. Avotaynu www.avotaynu.com
 - a. European Maps (for sale) www.avotaynu.com/maps.htm

- b. Consolidated Jewish Surname Index (CJSI)...
www.avotaynu.com/csi/csi-home.html
- c. Towns in *The Encyclopedia of Jewish Life before and During the Holocaust* www.avotaynu.com/books/encyclopedia.htm
- 8. Websites for Jewish Genealogical Societies
<http://www.iajgs.org/members/members.html>
- 9. Museum of Family History is a significant free site for Jewish history
<http://www.museumoffamilyhistory.com/>
- 10. Jewish Virtual Library <http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/>
- 11. Center for Jewish History www.cjh.org
 - a. CJH databases
www.cjh.org/academic/findingaids/AJHS/institutionlist.html
- 12. American Jewish Historical Society www.ajhs.org
- 13. Leo Baeck Institute www.lbi.org
- 14. YIVO Institute for Jewish Research.... www.yivoinstitute.org
- 15. American Sephardi Federation www.asfonline.org
- 16. Jewish records in the LDS Family History Library Catalog
www.jewishgen.org/databases/FHLC
- 17. Encyclopedia of Galician Sages
www.jewishgen.org/Rabbinic/databases/mgalicia.htm
- 18. Rabbinic Genealogy Bibliography
www.jewishgen.org/Rabbinic/infocfiles/biblio.htm
- 19. Yeshiva University Museum www.yumuseum.cjh.org
- 20. People of a Thousand Towns.... <http://yivo1000towns.cjg.org>
- 21. Romanizing 147 Yiddish given names of Hebraic or Aramaic origin
www.loc.gov/catdir/smforena.pdf
- 22. German names for Polish towns www.kartenmeister.com
- 23. More German names for Polish towns
www.kaszubia.com/de/geschichte/namen
- 24. German names for towns in Silesia
www.genealogienetz.de/reg/SCI/orte-d.html

25. German, Hungarian & Romanian names for towns now in Romania
www.ars-transylvanica.de/versch/Ortslisten/A-li.htm
26. Czech and German names for villages now in the Czech Republic
www.ckrumlov.cz/uk/region/histor/t_cnslop.htm
27. German-Polish and Polish-German names of towns in Poland & Russia
www.atsnotes.com/other/gerpol.html
28. Names of villages in Alsace & Moselle, showing French & German names
<http://guillaume.roelly.org/entraide/villagesad.htm>
29. Directions on how to do genealogical research in eastern France
<http://guillaume.roelly.org/accueille.htm>
30. Rusyn-Hungarian-Slovak names & a partial list of the 1869 Zemplen County Census
.... www.carpatho-rusyn.org/films2.htm
31. *The Jewish Encyclopedia* of 1901-1906 www.jewishencyclopedia.com
32. JewishData <http://jewishdata.com/>
33. French Holocaust Victims <http://perso.wanadoo.fr/petit-chemin/historie/accueil.htm> and www.ushmm.org/uia_Form/fr/deport
34. Austrian Holocaust Victims www.doew.at
35. Jews in the Civil War and in the Wild West www.jewish-history.com
36. Some Czarist decrees regarding Jews
www.angelfire.com/ms2/belaroots/levanda.htm
37. Kremenets Shtetl CO-OP
<http://www.shtetlinks.jewishgen.org/Kremenets/web-pages/index.html>

Genealogical Sites not specifically for Jewish Genealogy

38. Cyndi's List of Genealogical Sites www.CyndisList.com
 - a. Jewish Internet sites www.CyndisList.com/jewish.htm
 - b. Section for Beginners www.CyndisList.com/beginner.htm
 - c. U.S. Military www.CyndisList.com/Military.htm
39. Vital Records Information - United States www.vitalrec.com
40. Vital Records Information - New York City
www.nyc.gov/html/records/vitalrecords/home.shtml

41. German Roots <http://home.att.net/~wee-monster/>
42. Jesus Christ Church of Latter Day Saints (LDS) Family Search website
www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/frameset_search.asp
43. MyFamily.com www.myfamily.com
44. Ancestry.com (subscription).... www.ancestry.com
 - a. Ancestry's 1930 U.S. Census database
<http://images.ancestry.com/iexec?htx=List&r=0&cat=1930USFEDCEN>
 - b. Ancestry's free library of articles about genealogy
www.ancestry.com/library/archive.asp
45. Genealogy.com (subscription) www.genealogy.com
46. RootsWeb (subscription) www.rootsweb.com
47. HeritageQuest (subscription)
 - a. FREE online at Maryland Public Libraries www.sailor.lib.md.us/cgi-bin/hqo
 - b. FREE online at Alexandria Public Libraries
www.alexandria.lib.va.us/main/e_resources_gateway.html
48. Steve Morse's One-Step Search Tools) www.stevemorse.org/
 - a. Portal to the Social Security Death Index (SSDI)
www.stevemorse.org/ssdi
 - b. Ellis Island Database One-Step Search Tool
www.jewishgen.org/databases/EIDB
49. SSDI databases
 - a. <http://ssdi.rootsweb.com/>
 - b. http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/fto_ssdisearch.html
 - c. www.familytreelegends.com/ssdi
 - d. www.lineages.com
50. Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation database www.ellislandrecords.org
51. Genealogical Research in North Germany
<http://hamburg.usconsulate.gov/hamburg/genealogy.html>
52. Hamburg Emigration Index database
www.hamburg.de/fhh/behoerden/staatsarchiv/link_to_your_roots/english/index.htm

- a. Hamburg Emigration - English search....
<http://linktoyourroots.hamburg.de/ltyr/index.html>
- 53. Naturalization Index - N.Y. State Supreme Court - Kings County (Brooklyn) 1907-1924 www.jgsny.org/kingsintro2.htm
- 54. Naturalization Index - N. Y. State Supreme Court - Manhattan 1907-1924
www.ancestry.com/search/rectype/inddb/4653a.htm
- 55. U.S. District Court, Southern District Court (Manhattan, Nassau & Suffolk Counties, NY), 1906-49 <http://www.italiengen.org/databaselist.stm>
- 56. Brooklyn Daily Eagle 1841-1902 <http://eagle.brooklynpubliclibrary.org>
- 57. Brooklyn NY genealogical site www.bklyn-genealogy-info.com
- 58. 1901 Census of England and Wales www.census.pro.gov.uk
- 59. Canadian genealogical information, including the 1901 Canadian Census and the 1906 Special Census ... www.archives.ca
- 60. 1880/81 U.S., Canadian & British censuses
www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/frameset_search.asp?PAGE=census/search_census.asp
- 61. National Military Personnel Records Center site
www.archives.gov/facilities/mo/st_louis/military_personnel_records.html
- 62. Locating U.S. civilian and military personnel records....
www.archives.gov/facilities/mo/st_louis.html
- 63. U.S. Civil War both for the Union and the Confederacy.... www.itd.nps.gov/cwss
- 64. U.S. phone numbers www.switchboard.com, or www.excite.com, or
www.search.com
- 65. Age, address, telephone for U.S. residents....www.zabasearch.com
- 66. U.S. addresses (White Pages) and E-Mail addresses...
include:
 - a. www.theultimates.com/email/
 - b. www.freeality.com/finde.htm
 - c. www.people.yahoo.com/
 - d. www.whowhere.com/
 - e. www.iaf.net/
 - f. www.bigfoot.com/
- 67. How common is your name www.census.gov/genealogy/www/namesearch.html

68. Internet search engines www.dogpile.com, or www.google.com, or
www.nbc.com
69. Polish Genealogy Society of America maps www.pgsa.org/geomaps.htm
70. Origins Books has maps for sale www.originbooks.com
71. List of archived local newspapers available online
www.cyndislist.com/newspapr.htm
72. Library of Congress www.loc.gov
- a. Genealogy and Local History section www.loc.gov/rr/genealogy
 - b. Hebraic Section <http://www.loc.gov/rr/amed/hs/hshome.html>
 - c. Listing of state libraries www.loc.gov/global/library/statelib.html
 - d. Geography & Map Reading Room <http://www.loc.gov/rr/geogmap/>
 - e. Library of Congress Online Catalog.... <http://catalog.loc.gov/>
73. State-by-state listing of historical and genealogical societies
www.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy/stateres.html
74. State-by-state archives listing www.sos.state.ga.us/archives/rs/sarl.htm
75. Footnote.com ... claims to upload more than two million documents a month.
Documents are searchable and may be uploaded and shared by individuals and
groups. Footnote has partnered with the National Archives to digitize their
documents. Documents include government Subscribe at
<http://www.footnote.com/?xid=47>