BIBLIOGRAPHY OF JEWISH GENEALOGY
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MANUALS AND SOURCEBOOKS


Eakle, Arlene, and Johni Cerny, eds. The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy. (Salt Lake City: Ancestry, Ltd., 1984, 786 pp.) Chapters indicate where to find every type of record in the U.S. Lists LDS microfilms of vital records for Jewish communities in Germany, Poland, and Hungary [updated in Avotaynu, see Periodicals, and in Kurzweil-Weiner, Encyclopedia... below].

Gedenkbuch, compiled by the Bundesarchiv, Koblenz, and the International Tracing Service, Arolsen, Germany, with the cooperation of Yad Vashem, Jerusalem. (Koblenz, 1987, 2 v.) Lists Jewish victims of Nazis in Germany, 1933-45, citing last place of residence, birthdate, deathdate, and circumstances of death, where known.

*Guzik, Estelle M., ed. Resources for Jewish Genealogy in the New York Metropolitan Area. (New York: Jewish Genealogical Society, Inc., 1989, 404 p.) Detailed guide to every agency between Albany, NY and Trenton, NJ that could provide data of use to Jewish genealogical research, including many specific records, hours of opening, public transportation, finding aids, fees, and restrictions. Appendices include: Bibliography and locations of yizkor books, vital record application forms, soundex codes; available foreign telephone directories, U.S. city directories, and newspapers; Jewish cemeteries. Indexes.


PERIODICALS

Avotaynu: The International Review of Jewish Genealogy, 1985-. Sallyann A. Sack and Gary Mokotoff, eds. Quarterly. (P.O. Box 1134, Teaneck, NJ 07666). Articles and data of general Jewish genealogical interest written by an international group of authors.

Family Finder, compiled by Gary Mokotoff. Updated quarterly and distributed to each society affiliated with the international Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies. A computerized print-out of ancestral surnames and place names being researched by members of Jewish Genealogical Societies. Arranged alphabetically by submitter, by surname, by town, and by country or major area.


RESEARCH ARCHIVES AND LIBRARIES

American Jewish Archives, 3101 Clifton Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45220-2488 [on the campus of Hebrew Union College]. Specializes in data on Jews in the Western Hemisphere. Many genealogies, vital records, biographies, organizational and congregational records, newspaper indexes.
Finding aids: Clasper, James W., and M. Carolyn Dellenbach. Guide to the Holdings of the American Jewish Archives (Cincinnati, 1979, 211pp.). see also: Zubatsky and Berent (above.)

American Jewish Historical Society, 2 Thornton Road, Waltham, MA 02154 (on campus of Brandeis University). All areas of American Jewish history, including organizational and institutional records, as well as family documents.
Finding aids: Union Catalog of Manuscripts; handout on genealogical holdings.

LDS Family History Library, 35 North West Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84150.
The world's most complete and technologically current genealogical library; open to all. Books and microfilms include Jewish records from many countries, notably Poland, Germany, and Hungary. Microfilms may be obtained on interlibrary loan at local Mormon libraries. Computerized and microfiche catalogs available at branch libraries.

Leo Baeck Institute, 129 East 73rd Street, New York, NY 10021. Library and archive of surviving records of Jews from German-speaking lands.
Finding aid: Union Catalog of Manuscripts.

National Archives & Records Administration, 8th & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20408. Research room has federal censuses 1790-1910 (1920 will be available in 1992), passenger arrival indexes, 18th & 19th century military records, some naturalizations, land records. Regional branches have microfilm copies and regional records.


New York Public Library. Fifth Avenue & 42nd Street, New York, NY, 10018. Jewish, Map, Microform, and Local History & Genealogy Divisions contain useful materials.

Finding aid: Guzik, Guide... [above]

Yivo Institute for Jewish Research, 1048 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10028.

Library and archive of data from Yiddish-speaking lands.

Finding aid: Guzik, Guide... [above]

[NOTE: These sources do not have staff to research for you, but will let you know if they have books or manuscripts on specific topics. In any genealogical query, always enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.]

COLLECTED GENEALOGIES


*Sackheim, George I, Scattered Seeds. 2v. (r. Sackheim Publishing Co., 9151 Crawford Ave., Skokie, IL 60076). Chronicles more than 13,000 descendants of Rabbi Israel, one of two martyrs of Rozanoi (Ruzhany), Byelorussia, executed after a blood libel of 1659. Indexed.

*Stern, Malcolm H. First American Jewish Families, (Ottenheimer Publishers, Inc., 300 Reisterstown Road, Baltimore, MD 21208, 1991, 441pp.) [reprint of 1978 edition with added Update section.] Contains genealogies of all available Jewish families settled in America prior to 1840, traced where possible to the present. 50,000 name index.