

GENEALOGY

From the Greek

GENA = generation

LOGOS = knowledge

From : Wikipedia

WHY DO IT

How did I get here

and why

Health

Knowledge

Travel

Second Passport

Hobby

Blood line

In-laws

Cousins

Royalty

Black Sheep

Persecution

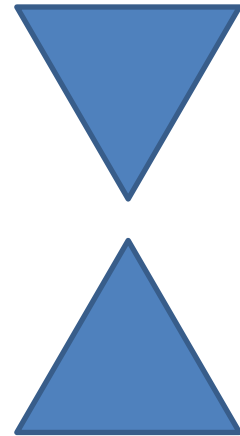
War

Religious Freedom

Serendipity

How to **START** your trip

- You are at the apex of two triangles
- Expanding below you are your children
- Expanding above you are your parents
- And each person in your triangles have their own triangles
ad nauseam



What information to collect on an individual

- Birth, marriages, and death, and the ties to parents, spouses, and children.
- You also need to collect the SOURCES of these information, because if it cannot be reproduced, it will be suspect and the chain you have built will have a weak link.
- With 3x5 cards, this was a pain, with the advent of computers and software, what a joy.

Some Core Reference Books

- Daniel M. Lynch. *Google Your Family Tree*. Provo, UT: FamilyLink.com, Inc., 2008.
- Christine Crawford-Oppeneimer. *Long Distance Genealogy*. New York, NY: Betterway Books, 2000.
- Elizabeth Shown Mills. *Evidence! Citation & Analysis for the Family Historian*. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1997.
- Richard S. Lackey. *Cite Your Sources*. Jackson, MS: University Press of Mississippi, 1985.
- George B. Everton. *The Handybook for Genealogists* (10th edition). Garden City, UT: Everton Publishing, 2002.

Reference Books for Jewish Genealogy

Sallyann Amdur Sack and Gary Mokotoff. *Avotaynu Guide to Jewish Genealogy*. Bergenfield, NJ: Avotaynu, 2004.

Gary Mokotoff and Warren Blatt. *Getting Started in Jewish Genealogy*. Teaneck, NJ: Avotaynu, 1999.

Jeffery S. Malka. *Sephardic Genealogy* (second edition). Bergenfield, NJ: Avotaynu, 2009.

Alexander Beider. *A Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from the Russian Empire*. Bergenfield, NJ: Avotaynu, 2008.

Alexander Beider. Any of his other books.

Avotaynu: The International Review of Jewish Genealogy (magazine).

Gary Mokotoff, Sallyann Amdur Sack, and Alexander Sharon. *Where Once We Walked* (revised edition). Bergenfield, NJ: Avotaynu, 2002.

Resources for Jewish Genealogical Research

JewishGen

<http://www.jewishgen.org/>

This is the home of Jewish genealogy on the Web. It has many resources that can be explored over time.

Museum of Family History

<http://www.museumoffamilyhistory.com/>

Jewish records, historical information, and many other items of interest.

Cyndi's List

<http://www.cyndislist.com/jewish.htm>

Cyndi's List is a portal, a site with links to other sites. This page has links to all sorts of resources for Jewish research.

One-Step Webpages

<http://www.stevemorse.org/> (not stevemorse.com!)

A page with improved search interfaces for many databases on the Web, particularly focused on databases relevant to Jewish research.

San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society

<http://www.sfbajgs.org/>

Hosts approximately 16 seminars/meetings each year on topics of interest to Jewish genealogists. Also has links to several resources.

Routes to Roots Foundation

<http://www.rtrfoundation.org/>

Lets you know what records are available for your shtetl in various European archives.

International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies

<http://www.iajgs.org/>

Lists JGS's around the world and maintains a calendar of meetings. Also presents the annual Conference on Jewish Genealogy.

Jewish Genealogical Society of Sacramento

c/o Einstein Center

1935 Wright Street

Sacramento, CA 92825

jgs_sacramento@yahoo.com (no Web site)

General Resources for Genealogical Research

Oakland Regional Family History Center (ORFHC)

(Mormons)

4766 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland

(510) 531-3905

<http://www.oaklandfhc.org>

Free Genealogy Software

- **SmartGenealogy**, <http://alainlecomte.free.fr/Download.htm#SmartGenealogy>
A freeware program that runs under Windows 95-98-XP-NT.
- Family Tree Builder, <http://www.myheritage.com/family-tree-builder>
Supports 21 languages.
- **Legacy Family Tree**, <http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/Download.asp>
For Window 95, Windows 98, Windows NT, Windows 2000, Windows ME, Windows XP, or Vista (Legacy will run on newer Macs with Parallel, Bootcamp, or Fusion).
- **LifeLines**, <http://lifelines.sourceforge.net/>
For Unix platforms (e.g., Linux) and Windows.
- Personal Ancestral File 5.2 (PAF), <http://www.familysearch.org/eng/paf/>
From the LDS church. It's easy to ignore the church-specific fields.
- **ScionPC** Genealogical Management System, <http://homepages.paradise.net.nz/scionpc/>
Free, fully featured genealogy software with a modern, easy-to-use interface, ideal for both the novice and the experienced genealogist. Windows 98SE, ME, 2000, XP and Vista.
- **XY Family Tree**, <http://www.xy-family-tree.com/>
Very easy to use on a PC but also with Web display facilities. Assumes that most data will be sparse and requires knowledge of parents only. Media files can be used to enhance display and to group events and individuals. GEDCOM import is available.

2013 Best Genealogy Software Comparisons and Reviews Results From:

<http://genealogy-software-review.toptenreviews.com/family-historian-review.html>

- Family Tree Maker 2012 \$ 39.99
- Legacy Deluxe 7.5 \$ 29.99
- RootsMagic \$ 29.99
- Ancestral Quest 14 \$ 29.95
- Family Historian 4 \$ 46.50
- The Master Genealogist 7 \$ 59.00
- DoroTree 2.1 \$ 59.00
- Genbox Family History 3.7.1 \$ 29.95
- WinFamily 2009 \$119.00
- Famtree 4.43 \$ 20.00

CENSUSES

- Most every country has had censuses, the uses is been mostly for taxation and planning.
- In the US every 10 years from 1790 to 2010.
- The U.S. government will not release personally identifiable information about an individual to any other individual or agency until 72 years after it is collected for the decennial census.
- Available for genealogical research up to 1940

1790 CENSUS

For each household

- The number of free white males aged:
 - under 16 years
 - of 16 years and upward
- Number of free white females
- Number of other free persons
- Number of slaves

1800, 1810 CENSUS

- The number of free white males and females aged, respectively:
 - under 10 years of age
 - of 10 years but under 16 years
 - of 16 years but under 26 years
 - of 26 years but under 45 years
 - 45 years and upward
- Number of all other free persons
- Number of slaves

CENSUS 1850 to 1900

- In 1850 some information on place of birth.
- In 1860 information on wealth of family.
- In 1870 place of birth of parents and literacy of each member of the family.
- In 1880 profession, occupation, or trade.
- In 1890 race, housing, citizenship.
- In 1900 separate for American Indians.

Cadaastre

- is a comprehensive register of the metes-and-bounds of real property of a country.
- The cadaastre is a fundamental source of data in disputes between landowners.
- The data may include, location, dimension, use, tax, purchase and/or sale price, owner, loans and many other useful genealogical information.

Wills and Probate

- Probate files are public court records, if a will has been filed for probate then you should be able to obtain a copy of it.
- A probate estate is usually opened in the county where the decedent lived at the time of death.

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