

CLIMBING YOUR FAMILY TREE: PART 2

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Genealogy Websites/ Search Engines:

www.ancestry.com

www.familysearch.com

www.jewishgen.org

Helpful Websites:

Searchable Database of Graves From Around the World:

www.findagrave.com

A Huge Collection of Online Resources for All Genealogy Subjects:

<http://www.cyndislist.com/categories/>

Digital Collections in the Library of Congress:

<http://www.loc.gov/library/libarch-digital.html>

The Foundation for East European Family History Studies:

<http://feefhs.org/links.html>

Family Tree Magazine's List of The Best Virtual Libraries:

<http://www.familytreemagazine.com/article/best-virtual-library-websites-2015>

Access to the Archival Databases (The National Archives):

<https://aad.archives.gov/aad/>

Resources for Genealogists:

<https://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy>

Resources for Researching Your Jewish Family's History:

American Jewish Archives (AJA) Genealogy Guide:

<http://americanjewisharchives.org/collections/genealogy.php>

AJA Guide to Jewish Genealogy Resources:

<http://americanjewisharchives.org/collections/genealogyResources.php>

American Jewish Historical Society:

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

Index of Jewish Historical Societies:

<http://www.ajhs.org/historical-societies>

Helpful Information for Understanding Jewish Headstones:

<http://www.jewishgen.org/infofiles/tombstones.html>

A web portal to news, information and resources concerning Jewish monuments and heritage sites all over Europe:

<http://www.jewish-heritage-europe.eu/europe-map>

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An index of pages with information about specific Jewish villages or shtetls:

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

Source Sheet for East Central European Genealogy and Local History:

http://www.loc.gov/rr/genealogy/bib_guid/eastcen/jewish.html

A Genealogical and Family History Guide to Jewish and Civil Records in Eastern Europe: <http://www.rtrfoundation.org/index.shtml>

International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies: <http://www.iajgs.org/blog/>

JewishGen Databases: <http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/>

Information about US Census Records:

<https://www.archives.gov/research/census/research.html>

Newspapers:

Free access to historical newspapers:

<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>

Access to historical newspapers (membership required):

www.newspapers.com

Resources available through the New York Public Library

(**Access to many additional genealogy/ newspaper databases are free on site!**)

New York Public Library Digital Archives:

<https://digitalcollections.nypl.org/>

Yizkor Books:

<https://digitalcollections.nypl.org/collections/yizkor-book-collection#/?tab=navigation>

New York City Directories:

<https://digitalcollections.nypl.org/collections/new-york-city-directories#/?tab=about>

Atlases of New York:

<https://digitalcollections.nypl.org/collections/atlasses-of-new-york-city#/?tab=navigation>

Streetscapes of NYC:

<https://digitalcollections.nypl.org/collections/streetscape-and-townscape-of-metropolitan-new-york-city1860-1942#/?tab=navigation>

Atlases of the United States:

<https://digitalcollections.nypl.org/collections/atlasses-of-the-united-states#/?tab=navigation>

General Genealogy Resources:

<https://www.nypl.org/about/divisions/milstein/genealogy>

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Apps/ Websites For Scanning/ Sorting/ Storing/ Sharing Old Photos:

Photomyne:

<https://www.photomyne.com/>

Dropbox:

www.dropbox.com

Shutterfly:

www.shutterfly.com

*Bonus- You can use Shutterfly to make beautiful photo books and wall decor.**

Finding Yearbooks:

www.Ancestry.com

www.classmates.com

<http://www.cyndislist.com/schools/yearbooks/>

Searchable Photo Archives:

<http://www.cyndislist.com/photos/archives/>

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

<http://photogrammar.yale.edu/>

http://www.deadfred.com/surnames_05.php

<http://www.loc.gov/pictures/>

Military Records/ Stories:

<http://www.loc.gov/vets/>

www.fold3.com

Create / Find Maps:

Multiple Map Resources: <http://www.cyndislist.com/maps/>

Google Maps: www.google.com and <http://www.cyndislist.com/maps/google/>

Printable Family Tree Charts:

<http://www.cyndislist.com/free-stuff/printable-charts-and-forms/?page=2>

<http://misbach.org/free-pdf-charts.html>

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Location Specific Resources:

Belarus:

Facts about Vishneva:

<http://data.jewishgen.org/wconnect/wc.dll?jg~jgsys~community~-1951326>

Shtetl links- Vishnevo: <http://kehilalinks.jewishgen.org/vishnevo/vishnevo.html>

JewishGen Belarus Database: <http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/Belarus/>

Latvia:

Archival Records: http://www.jewishgen.org/latvia/Contacting_Latvian_StateHA.html

Genealogical Sources: http://www.jewishgen.org/Courland/data_by_sources.htm

Great Britain:

10 Top Websites for British Genealogy:

http://genealogy.about.com/od/uk_databases/tp/top_databases.htm

Photographs of British Towns and Villages from 1860-1970:

<http://www.francisfrith.com/search>

Poland:

Jewish Records Indexing: <http://jri-poland.org/#>

Lithuania:

Lithuanian-Jewish Special Interest Group (Includes a downloadable list of over 400

Shtetls): <https://www.litvaksig.org/information-and-tools/>