

## Basic Resources for Jewish Genealogy

### General Reference Works

*Avotaynu: The International Review of Jewish Genealogy*. Published quarterly, since 1985.  
[www.avotaynu.com/journal.htm](http://www.avotaynu.com/journal.htm)

*Guide to Genealogical Resources in the National Archives of the United States*. National Archives and Records Administration, 2001 (third edition). 420 pp.  
[www.archives.gov/publications/genealogy\\_guides\\_and\\_finding\\_aids.html#gene](http://www.archives.gov/publications/genealogy_guides_and_finding_aids.html#gene)

Guzik, Estelle M., editor. *Genealogical Resources in New York*. Jewish Genealogical Society, 2003. 418 pp. Comprehensive guide to more than 80 library and archival repositories.  
[www.jgsny.org/newbook.htm](http://www.jgsny.org/newbook.htm)

Sack, Sallyann Amdur and Gary Mokotoff, editors. *Avotaynu Guide to Jewish Genealogy*. Avotaynu, 2004. 624 pp. Comprehensive book on Jewish genealogical research with articles by 68 authors.  
[www.avotaynu.com/books/guide.htm](http://www.avotaynu.com/books/guide.htm)

Spector, Shmuel and Geoffrey Wigoder, editors. *Encyclopedia of Jewish Life Before and During the Holocaust*. Yad Vashem and New York University Press, 2001. 3 volumes. Covers the Jewish presence in more than 1,000 towns in Central and Eastern Europe.  
[www.nyupress.org/product\\_info.php?cPath=30&products\\_id=2769](http://www.nyupress.org/product_info.php?cPath=30&products_id=2769)

Zubatsky, David S. and Irwin M. Berent. *Sourcebook for Jewish Genealogies and Family Histories*. Avotaynu, 1996. 480 pp. Jewish genealogies and family histories, both published and unpublished, for more than 10,000 family names.  
[www.avotaynu.com/books/sourcebook.htm](http://www.avotaynu.com/books/sourcebook.htm)

### Jewish Names

Beider, Alexander. *A Dictionary of Ashkenazic Given Names*. Avotaynu, 2001. 682 pp. Comprehensive history and dictionary of names.  
[www.avotaynu.com/books/dagn.htm](http://www.avotaynu.com/books/dagn.htm)

Beider, Alexander. *A Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from Galicia*. Avotaynu, 2004. 624 pp. 25,000 different surnames used by Jews in Galicia, showing etymology, districts within Galicia where they appeared, and variations of the names.  
[www.avotaynu.com/books/djsg.htm](http://www.avotaynu.com/books/djsg.htm)

Beider, Alexander. *A Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from the Kingdom of Poland*. Avotaynu, 1996. 608 pp. More than 32,000 Jewish surnames with origins in that part of the Russian Empire known as the Kingdom of Poland, showing etymology, districts where they appeared, and variations of the names.  
[www.avotaynu.com/djskptoc.htm](http://www.avotaynu.com/djskptoc.htm)

Beider, Alexander. *A Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from the Russian Empire*. Avotaynu, 1993. 784 pp. More than 50,000 Jewish surnames from the the Russian Empire, showing etymology, districts where they appeared, and variations of the names.  
[www.avotaynu.com/djsretoc.htm](http://www.avotaynu.com/djsretoc.htm)

Faiguenboim, Guilherme, Paulo Valadares, and Anna Rosa Campagnano, editors. *Dicionario Sefaradi de Sobrenomes = Dictionary of Sephardic Surnames*. Fraiha (Rio de Janeiro), 2003. 538 pp.  
<http://www.avotaynu.com/books/Dicionario.htm>

Menk, Lars. *Dictionary of German-Jewish Surnames*. Avotaynu, . 824 pp.  
[www.avotaynu.com/books/Menk.htm](http://www.avotaynu.com/books/Menk.htm)

## Eastern Europe

Mokotoff, Gary and Sallyann Amdur Sack with Alexander Sharon. *Where Once We Walked—Revised Edition*. Avotaynu, 2002. 704 pp. Gazetteer of 23,500 towns in Central and Eastern Europe where Jews lived before the Holocaust.  
[www.avotaynu.com/books/woww2.htm](http://www.avotaynu.com/books/woww2.htm)

Weiner, Miriam. *Jewish Roots in Poland*. Routes to Roots Foundation, 1997. 446 pp.  
Weiner, Miriam. *Jewish Roots in Ukraine and Moldova* Routes to Roots Foundation, 1999. 600 pp.  
[www.rtrfoundation.org/pubs.html](http://www.rtrfoundation.org/pubs.html)

## Sephardic

Malka, Jeffrey S. *Sephardic Genealogy*. Avotaynu, 2002. 384 pp. Comprehensive guide to Sephardic research.  
[www.avotaynu.com/books/sephardic.htm](http://www.avotaynu.com/books/sephardic.htm)

## On-line Resources

### General

[www.cyndislist.com](http://www.cyndislist.com) Comprehensive links to thousands of genealogy websites

[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) Church of Latter-Day Saints (LDS) resources, Family History Library catalog

### U.S. Research

[www.stevemorse.org](http://www.stevemorse.org) Search tools for numerous important genealogical websites

[www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) The most extensive online source of U.S. genealogical data; *fee-based*

[www.vitalrec.com](http://www.vitalrec.com) Detailed state-by-state, county-by-county vital records information

<http://home.att.net/~wee-monster/vitalrecords.html> Birth & marriage records indexes

[www.deathindexes.com](http://www.deathindexes.com) Death records and indexes

[www.researchguides.net/cemeteries.htm](http://www.researchguides.net/cemeteries.htm) Cemeteries and obituaries

<http://home.att.net/~wee-monster/military.html> Military records and databases

<http://publicrecords.onlinesearches.com> Public records online

[www.archives.gov/research\\_room/genealogy](http://www.archives.gov/research_room/genealogy) National Archives genealogy page

<http://home.att.net/~wee-monster/ei.html> Ships, passenger lists, & naturalization records

[www.ellisland.org](http://www.ellisland.org) Ellis Island passenger ship lists, 1892-1924 (*Use www.stevemorse.org to search!*)

[www.researchguides.net/newspapers.htm](http://www.researchguides.net/newspapers.htm) Historical newspapers and indexes

### New York City

[www.nyc.gov/html/records/home.html](http://www.nyc.gov/html/records/home.html) NYC Dept. of Records and Information Services

[www.nypl.org/research/chss/lhg/genea.html](http://www.nypl.org/research/chss/lhg/genea.html) NY Public Library local history & genealogy division

### Jewish Genealogy

[www.avotaynu.com/csi/csi-home.htm](http://www.avotaynu.com/csi/csi-home.htm) Index of surnames found in Jewish genealogy databases

[www.jewishgen.org](http://www.jewishgen.org) Online meeting place for Jewish genealogists; numerous international databases

[www.jewishgen.org/cemetery](http://www.jewishgen.org/cemetery) Worldwide directory of Jewish cemeteries

[www.catalog.cjh.org](http://www.catalog.cjh.org) Catalog of books and archival materials at the Center for Jewish History

[www.cjh.org/collections/genealogy/factsheets.php](http://www.cjh.org/collections/genealogy/factsheets.php) Genealogy research guides (both U.S. and foreign)

[www.cjh.org/collections/genealogy/onlinedbs.php](http://www.cjh.org/collections/genealogy/onlinedbs.php) Indexes to several AJHS collections

[www.americanjewisharchives.org](http://www.americanjewisharchives.org) American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati

[www.jgsny.org](http://www.jgsny.org) Jewish Genealogical Society of NY; several NYC-area databases

[www.iajgs.org](http://www.iajgs.org) International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies

[www.rtrfoundation.org](http://www.rtrfoundation.org) Routes to Roots database of Jewish records in Eastern European archives

<http://www.sephardicgen.com/> Sephardic genealogy resources

### Holocaust Databases

[www.ushmm.org/namesearch](http://www.ushmm.org/namesearch) U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum name search

[www.yadvashem.org/wps/portal/IY\\_HON\\_Welcome](http://www.yadvashem.org/wps/portal/IY_HON_Welcome) Database of Holocaust victims

<http://holocaustresources.cjh.org> Archival materials at the Center for Jewish History