Canada: Jewish Family History Research Guide

The earliest Jewish community in Canada was established in 1759, when Jews were first officially permitted to reside in the country. The first congregation was founded in 1768 in Montreal. Jewish settlement was mainly confined to Montreal until the 1840’s, when Jewish settlers slowly began to spread throughout the country. Jewish immigration increased around the turn of the 20th century, as it did in the United States. Today, Jews make up approximately 1.2% of Canada’s population.

Sources at the Center for Jewish History

In addition to general histories of the Jews in Canada, both the American Jewish Historical Society and YIVO Institute for Jewish Research have library and archival resources containing genealogical information about Jews in Canada. Additional resources are available in the Genealogy Institute.

Books and Periodicals

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*Canadian Jewish Year Book* 1939/40, edited by Vladimir Grossman. Includes articles and statistics about the Jews of Canada and the world. Lists Jewish organizations, histories of the organizations (including some discussion of individuals), and books published that year.
AJHS F 1035 .J5 C3

*Dor L’Dor.* Journal of the Jewish Genealogy Society of British Columbia.

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AJHS F 1035 .J5 W5

AJHS F 1035 .J517

*Jewish Residents in the Canadian Census.* Montreal & Quebec City (1871-1901); Toronto (1861-1901); Western Canada (1861-1901); Canadian Maritime Provinces (1901); Greater Quebec Province (1871-1901). Alphabetical listings within districts.
YIVO Library microfiche


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**AJHS F 1059.5 .T68 R5**


**Genealogy Institute**


**AJHS F 1054 .M8 B6**


**Genealogy Institute Z 6611 .J48 N38 1987**


**Genealogy Institute. F 1035 .J5 F76 1992**

**Archives**

United HIAS Service, Main Office, N.Y: Collection includes materials on Jewish Immigrant Aid Society, Canada. Consult the finding aid, which will help locate correspondence and some immigrant lists from specific European countries to Canada for the period of 1944-1962.

**YIVO Record Group 245.7**


**AJHS Collection I-52**

**General Resources**

International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies: Contact information for the seven local societies across Canada

[http://iajgs.org/members/members.html](http://iajgs.org/members/members.html)

National Archives of Canada: immigration, naturalization, and census records
395 Wellington Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N3
Genealogy Reference: 613-996-7458
[http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/index-e.html](http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/index-e.html)


[www.vscouncil.ca](http://www.vscouncil.ca)
