Galicia Resources at the Center for Jewish History

Introduction

Galicia is a former province of the Austro-Hungarian Empire that resulted when the former kingdom of Poland was divided between Austria, Prussia, and Russia starting in 1772. When the Austro-Hungarian Empire was dissolved after World War I, Galicia became part of the newly constituted republic of Poland. Today, it is contained within the borders of Poland and Ukraine. The western part of Galicia was largely Polish speaking and the eastern part of the province was largely Ukrainian speaking. The capital of the province was Lemberg, now Lviv in Ukraine. In 1900 about 800,000 Jews, 11% of the total population, lived in Galicia, mostly in the cities and towns where they comprised large fractions of the population.

Jewish family history research information for Galicia can be found in the Poland and Ukraine Research Guides on the Center for Jewish History Genealogy Institute website. An excellent resource for family history research is the Galicia Special Interest Group (SIG) on the Jewishgen website, www.jewishgen.org/Galicia. The SIG is run by Gesher Galicia. Members of Gesher Galicia receive a quarterly journal (The Galitzianer), the Gesher Galicia Family Finder, and Gesher Galicia sponsors a number of research activities. The website also contains an excellent, detailed history of Jews in Galicia, *The Jews of Galicia Under Austrian-Polish Rule, 1867-1918* by Peter Wrobel.

Reference Books in the Genealogy Institute


Books in the CJH Partner Collections

Additional copies of most of the above reference books are available in the CJH Reading Room. In the stacks, there are numerous books on Galicia and Galician towns. Many of YIVO’s books are in Hebrew or Yiddish, and the majority of LBI’s are in German. These are just a few examples:


**YIVO & AJHS DS 135 .P62 G32**


Greenspan, Sol *Yidn in Plotsk [Jews in Plock]*. NY, 1960 **AJHS DS 135 .P2 P56**


**YIVO /107704, 93072**


Schoenfeld, Joachim. *Shtetl memoirs: Jewish life in Galicia under the Austro-Hungarian Empire and in the reborn Poland 1898-1939*. ktav, 1985. **YIVO /80385**


When searching CJH’s online catalog (at [http://search.cjh.org](http://search.cjh.org)), please be aware that cross-referencing of geographic names from one language to another is not consistent. For example, keyword searches for Lwow, Lvov and Lemberg (or Galicia, Galizien, and Galitsye) do not return identical results.

**Archival Collections**

**YIVO**

Alliance Israelite Universelle, 1868-1930s. **RG 406**. Contains many documents from the 1880s pertaining to Brody as an emigration transit point.

Berlin Collection, 1931-1945. **RG 215**. Includes schedules of transports to death camps, monthly propaganda reports on Galicia and Cracow districts 1942-43.

Eyewitness Accounts of the Holocaust Period, 1939-1945. **RG 104**. Includes a large number of accounts from Lvov.

Hersch Wasser Collection, 1939-1946. **RG 225**. Includes eyewitness accounts from Gorlice.

Territorial Collection, Poland 2, 1939-1945. **RG 119-Poland 2**. Includes materials on Cracow, Lvov, Stanislawow (Ivano-Frankivsk), and Tarnow.

**Leo Baeck Institute**

Austria; Jewish Community Collection. **AR 2877**. Photos of synagogues in Bohorodczany, Chlodorow, Zloczow, and Zmigrod.

David Berger Collection, 1855-1993. **AR 6471**. Includes family histories of the Berger and ...
Drimer families from Galicia.
Kallir Family Collection, 1792-1943. AR 1520-1526. Family documents (vital records, family trees, etc.).
Kraft Family Collection, Galicia. AR 5098. Genealogy written by Susan Kraft (1869).
Loewenthal Family, Buetzow. AR 7104. Includes history of Epstein Family, Lwow/Lemberg.

Memoir Collection:
Johanna Meta Schechter, ME 799. Family life of ancestors in Galicia.
Ulrich Skaller, ME 605. Childhood in Galicia; history of Alexander, Goldstein, Perl, Skaller, Brandt, Ament, Kohl, Kalahora, and Lebenheim families in Galicia and Russia; contains family trees.
Samson Tyndel, ME 1281. Synopsis of published memoirs, including childhood recollections of life in Kolomea.
Przemysl; Jewish Community Collection. AR 2876. Photos of the synagogue.
Nathan M. Reiss Family Collection. AR 10534. Genealogical manuscript by Nathan M. Reiss about his family: Some Jewish families of Hesse and Galicia.
Roseman Family Collection. AR 10576. Family trees of the Rosenman/Roseman family, and the descendants of Chana Axelrad.
Schluesselberg Family Collection. AR 11103. Comprehensive collection of family trees, genealogical information, and photos.
Tenzer Family, Galicia. AR 7116. Family tree (18th-20th cent.) including the Feiler and Zahl families.

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Yizkor Books in the YIVO Library

Belzec (P) 1974
Biecz (P) 1959
Borschchiv (U) 1960
Brzesko (P) 1980
Brzezany (P) 1961
Brzozów (Rzeczów) (P) 1984
Buchach (U) 1955
Budaniv (U) 1968
Burshtyn (U) 1960
Yizkor Books in the YIVO Library (continued)
Busk (U) 1965
Chełm (P) 1954
Chełm (P) 1980
Chmielnik (P) 1960
Chortkiv (U) 19??
Chortkiv (U) 1967
Chrzanów (P) 1949
Chrzanów (P) 1989
Ciechanów (P) 1962
Cieszanów (P) 1969
Dębica (Powiat) (P) 1960
Dobromyl’ (U) 1964
Drohobych 1959 (Margolies) (U)
Drohobych and Borysław 1959 (Gelber) (U)
Dukla (P) 1996
Dynów (P) 1949
Dynów (P) 1979
Galicia (P&U) 1968
Gorlice (P) 1962
Horodenka (U) 1963
Husyatyn & Kpychyntsi (U) 1977
Husyatyn (U) 1964
Husyatyn (U) 1968
Hvizdets (U) 1974?
Ivano-Frankivs’k (Stanislav) (U) 1947
Jarosław (P) 1978
Jasło (P) 1953
Józefów (P) 1974
Kalush (U) 1980
Kolbuszowa (P) 1971
Kolki (U) 1983
Koło (P) 1958
Koło (P) 1974
Kolomyja (U) 1957
Kolomyja (U) 1972
Komarno (U) 1965
Korczya (P) 1967
Kosiv (U) 1945
Kosiv (U) 1964
Kosiv (U) 1981
Kraków (P) 1958
Kraków (P) 1967
Kraków (P) 1969
Krosno(P) 2000
Kurów (P) 1955
Yizkor Books in the YIVO Library (continued)

Kuty (U) 1958
Kuty (U) 1993
L’viv (Entsiklopedya shel galuyot, t. 4) (U) 1956
L’viv (U) 1919
Łańcut (P) 1963
Lesko (P) 1964
Lesko (P) 1999
Leżajsk (P) 1969
Mel’nytsya (U) 1994 (Melnitsa-Podolskaya?)
Miechów (P) 1971
Mielec 1979
Mogielnica and Blendów (P) 1972
Monastyrys’ka (U) 1974 *
Mykulyntsi (U) 1985
Nadvirna 1975
Novyy Yarychiv (U) 1948
Nowy Sącz (P) 1970
Olkusz (P) 1972
Opatów (P) 1966
Ostroh (U) 1954
Ostroh (U) 1960
Ostroh (U) 1969
Ostroh (U) 1987
Oświęcim (P) 1977
Ozernyany (U) 1971
Pidvolochys’k (U) 1988
Płock (P) 1945
Płock (P) 1960
Płock (P) 1967
Płońsk (P) 1963
Poland 1961
Przedbórz (P) 1977
Przemyśl (P) 1964
Puławy (P) 1964
Radekhov (U) 1976
Radomyśl Wielki (P) 1971
Sambir and Staryy Sambir (U) 1980
Sandomierz (P) 1993
Sanok 1969
Sarnaki (P) 1968
Sarny (U) 1961
Sasiv 1979
Siedlc (P) 1952
Siedlec (P) 1956
Siedlec (P) 1977
Yizkor Books in the YIVO Library (continued)

Skala Podil’s’ka (U) 1978
Skalat (U) 1948
Skalat (U) 1971
Skalat (U) 1995
Skole (U) 1986
Sosnowiec 1974 (2vols.)
Stryy (U) 1962
Strzyżów (P) 1990
Suchowola (S. Lazar)
Suchowola (P) 1947
Suchowola (P) 1957
Suchowola (Reshimat yehude)
Szydłowiec (P) 1974
Szydłowiec (P) 1989
Tarnobrzeg and Dzików (P) 1973
Tarnów (P) (2 vols.) 1970
Tarnów (P) (vols.) 2 1954
Terebovlya (U) 1981
Tłumach (U) 1976
Tovste (U) 1965
Turka (U) 1966
Tysmenitsya (U) 1974
Tyszowce (P) 1970
Ugnev (U) 1981
Ukraine (U) 1948 (2 vols.)
Ukraine (U) 1961 (2 vols.)
Wadowice, Andrychow, Kalwarja, Myslenice, Sucha (P) 1967
Wieliczka (P) 1980
Wyszkow (P) 1964
Zabolotiv (U) 1949
Zarki 1959
Zbarazh (U) 1983
Zboriv (U) 1975
Zhovkhva (U) 1969
Zolochiv (U) 1947
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## Galician Landsmanshaftn Collections in the YIVO Archives

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**Notes:** YIVO’s Film Collection, RG 105, has films of Kolbuszowa (1929) and Sedziszow (1935) that were commissioned by American landsmanshaftn.

AJHS’s Mahler/Trencher Family Video (call number VID-7) includes a trip to Krakow in 1929.