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Belarus SIG team

- **Co-Leaders**
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- **Records Acquisition Coordinator**
  Ruth Silver
- **Database Coordinator**
  Paul Zoglin
- **Help desk**
  Nancy Holden
- **Webmasters**
  Alan Raskin

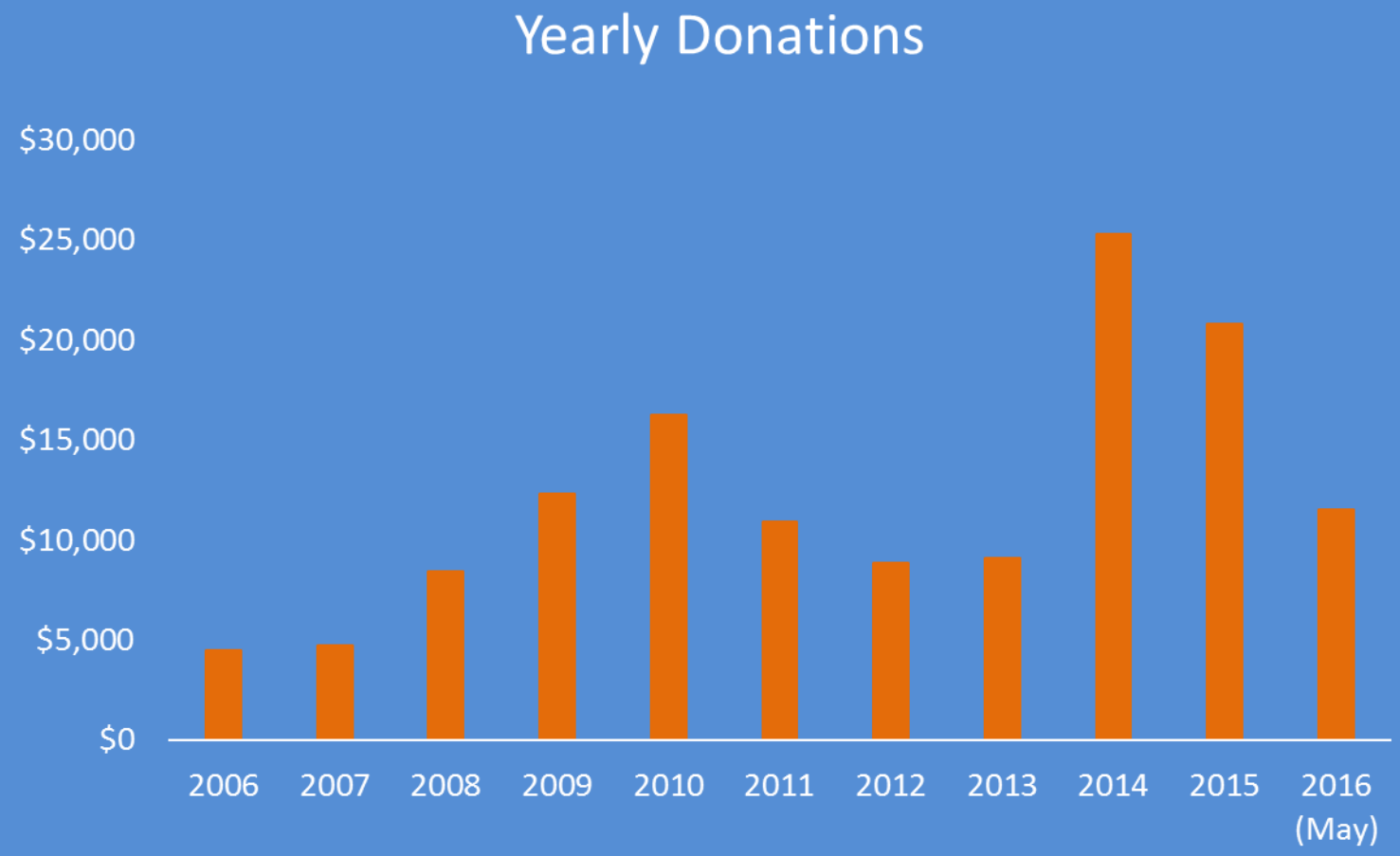
Developments in 2015/2016

- Re-designed web site
- Uploaded approximately 27,000 new records to the online database
- Translated approximately 50,000 new records
- Acquired Miriam Weiner/Routes to Roots Belarus materials

SIG Finances

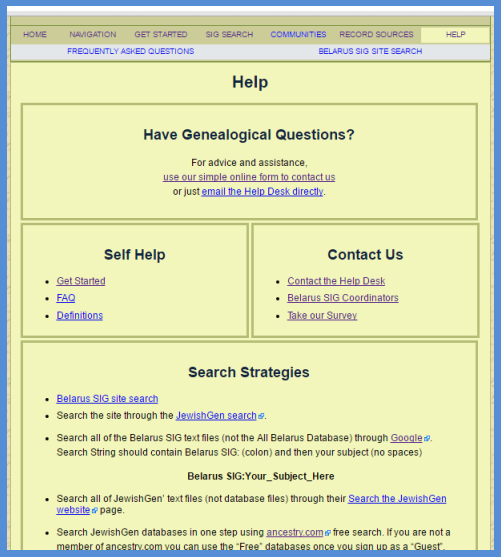
(Through 5/31/16)

	Donations	Expenses	Net
Overall SIG	**$188,740**	**$140,789**	**$47,951**



Re-designed web site

Created by Alan Raskin and Nancy Holden



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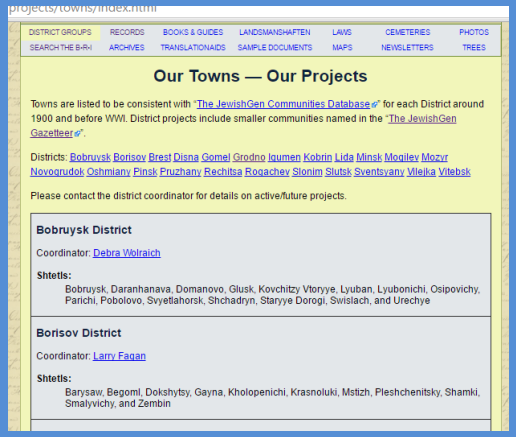

District Coordinators

Lookup District

Newly Uploaded Records

- Over 27,000 newly uploaded records:
  - Bobruysk District: 4,014 records
  - Brest District: 5,696 records
  - Grodno District: 2,683 records
  - Mogilev District: 6,273 records
  - Novogrudok District: 5,433 records
  - Slonim District: 47 records
  - Slutsk District: 1,958 records
  - Vilejka District: 1,145 records

Newly uploaded records (details)

- Bobruysk marriages: 1886-1904 (3272 records)
- Bobruysk district: 1867 -1874 additional revision lists for Bobruysk, Domanovo, Glusk, Gorki, Lyuban, Lyubonichi, Ozaraich, Parichi, Pobolovo, Svisloch, Urechye, Zakalnoe (742 records)
- Brest deaths: 1895-1901, 1906 (5696 records)
- Grodno births: 1838, 1841, 1842 (1494 records)
- Grodno deaths: 1841, 1842 (953 records)
- Grodno marriages: 1841, 1842 (236 records)
- Lyakhovichi and Medvedichi: 1850-1852 revision lists (705 records)
- Mogilev births: 1890-1892 (1956 records)
- Mogilev marriages: 1893-1917 (4317 records)
- Novogrudok district: 1870-1884 additional revision lists for Korelichi, Kroshin, Lyubcha, Novogrudok, Turets (5433 records)
- Nesvizh: 1816 revision lists (1253 records)
- Slonim district: 1873-1875 additional revision lists for Byten, Derechin, Dyatlovo, Golynka, Ruzhany, Slonim (47 records)
- Vilejka district: 1834, 1850 revision lists for Dolginovo, Dunilovichi, Gorodok, Ilya, Krasnoselie, Krivichi, Kurenets, Myadel, Postavy, Radoshkovichi, Vilejka (1145 records)

Records are searchable using the JBD search engine:
www.jewishgen.org/databases/belarus

Translated but not Uploaded Records

- Almost 50,000 translated but not yet uploaded records
  - Bobruysk district: 3,856 records
  - Brest district: 7,687 records
  - Gomel district: 13,213 records
  - Grodno district: 2,640 records
  - Kobrin district: 2,736 records
  - Mogilev district: 921 records
  - Mozyr district: 1,580 records
  - Novogrudok district: 2,305 records
  - Pruzhany district: 3,914 records
  - Rogachev district: 1,608 records
  - Slonim district: 3,820 records
  - Slutsk district: 4,426 records

Donations to District Funds

– Donors of $100 to a district fund get spreadsheets of the translated but not uploaded records. For a list of available records contact the district coordinator or go to www.jewishgen.org/belarus/original/recordtranslations/districtname.html

For example www.jewishgen.org/belarus/original/recordtranslations/Bobruyskdistrict.html

Bobruysk District

Below is a list of recently translated records in Bobruysk district. Click on the record set to view the surnames appearing in that file. These records will be uploaded to the JewishGen Belarus database in about 1 year from when they were translated. If you want to obtain excel spreadsheets of these records now please make a donation of $100 to the JewishGenerocity fund listed and email the contact person with confirmation of your donation.

- Bobruysk_births_1882-1885 (920 records)
- Bobruysk_births_1901-1903 (2193 records)
- Bobruysk district additional revision lists 1867-1876 (743 records)

Donate to: Bobruysk Research Project

Contact: Debra Wolraich

Links to list of surnames appearing in record set

1	Bobruysk_births_1882-1885		
2	Surname	# records	Most records contain
3	ABRAMOVICH	2	given name
4	AIN	1	surname
5	AIZLIN	1	father's given name
6	ALTERMAN	2	paternal grandfather's given name
7	ALTSHUL	1	mother's given name
8	AL'TSHUL'	1	date of birth
9	AMINSHOVITS	1	
10	ANIGOVSKII	1	
11	ARKUS	1	
12	ASHKNAZI	1	

After a donation is made the district coordinator will send you the spreadsheets

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Go to: www.jewishgen.org/Belarus/tools/projects/towns/index.html
for this list of district coordinators and lists of the major towns in each district

Miriam Weiner's Archives

- Summary translations of records for specific surnames from about 50 towns in Belarus. The records include
  - Census records (family lists, resident lists, revision lists)
  - Vital records (birth, death, marriage, divorce)
  - Army and Draft registrations
  - Election and Voter lists
  - Property owner lists
  - School records
  - Police files/government files
  - Correspondence
  - Passport applications
- Inventories of National archives in Minsk and Grodno and various regional archives

Miriam Weiner Archive sample summary translations

List of Jewish Inhabitants (Reviskiy Skaskiy) / Slutsk / 1834
Fond 333, Opis 9, Delo 573

Town of Slutsk, 1834, pp. 191 (reverse) - 192

Number	Names	Age on previous revision (1816)	Age on current revision
65	Izrael Marder, son of David	22	40
	Izrael's son, Zelik	not born	8
	Izrael's wife, Sora		36
	Izrael's daughter #1, Feiga		6
	Izrael's daughter #2, Sosya		4

census/revision list sample

Birth records of Vitebsk Synagogue
Fond 2502, Opis 1, Delo 484, p. 38 (rev).

#452, dated October 4, 1894.
Son, Ber, was born to Vitebsk Petty-Bourgeois: Zalman Khedekel, son of Berko, and his wife, Mlaka, daughter of Yankel-Zelik.
Ber died 26 Oct 1895.

Vital record (birth) sample

List of Voters / Pinsk
July 15, 1907
Fond 295, Opis 1, Delo 7785, Page 182 (reverse)

Second Election (Run-off election)

Itsko Aizinberg	Evrei	ul. Sobornaya
Chaim Aizinberg, son of Leib	Evrei	Liskovskaya Street
Morduch Aizinberg	Evrei	ul. Yaseldskaya
Pinchus Aizinberg, son of Iosel	Evrei	ul. Yaseldskaya
Zelik Aizinberg, son of Movsha	Evrei	ul. Stryanchevskaya
Morduch Aizinberg, son of Yankel	Evrei	ul. Liskovskaya Street

Voter list sample

Draft List of Vitebsk Petty-Bourgeois, 1895
Fond 2496, Opis 1, Delo 2722, pp. 81 (rev.) – 82

#320/1138, Dovid Khazansky (son of Movsha), born 16 Feb 1874, died 9 Apr 1875
Movsha, age 35 in 1895
Dovid's mother, Sterna, age 45 in 1895
Dovid's brother, Mendel, age 18 in 1895

Draft list sample

Miriam Weiner Archive sample summary translations

List of Property Owners
Fond 295, Opis 1, Delo 7785
pp. 219 - 219 (reverse)

Shimon Aizinberg, son of Leizer	Evrei	ul. Severskaya
Ruvin Aizinberg, son of Movsha	Evrei	ul. Severskaya & Bezimyanii
Lozer Aizinberg, son of Kopel	Evrei	ul. Zamkova
Volf Aizinberg, son of Abram	Evrei	ul. Productova Zamkovaya
Shlioma Aizinberg, son of Itsek	Evrei	ul. Leshen
Leiba Aizinberg, son of Movsha	Evrei	ul. Vishnevets

Property owners sample

Minsk Guberniya / 1911
Petition Requesting International Passport
Fond 295, opis 2, file 124, pp. 279-283

This document is a petition from Shlema **Brevda** (son of Chaikel), age 45, a merchant living in Baranovichi, Novogrudok Uezd, requesting an international passport for himself, his wife, Goda (age 40) and children:

Aron	age 15
Iosel	age 8
Movsha	age 3
Kalman	age 12
Rochla-Lea	age 20

Passport application sample

Police Report / Minsk Guberniya / March 19, 1884
Confirmation of Appointment
Fond 299, Opis 2, file 8530, pp. 5-6

Police report confirming appointment of Nevach **Litovskiy** as Chairman of the Lyakhovichi Merchants Jewish Community.

Police report sample

Inquiry of Vitebsk Petty-Bourgeois Authority
To the Vitebsk Municipality regarding age of Lev Khedekel
Fond 2511, Opis 1, Delo 86, pp. 313-313 (reverse)
Dated: June 26, 1915

Petition regarding age of Lev Khedekel, son of Itsko (son of Geshel), subjected to conscription of 1915. Regarding Itsko's son, Semen.

Reference from family list #852/822 regarding Shlema-Itsko Khedekel (son of Geshel), his wife, Musya (daughter of Efroim) and their children:
Lev, born 9 Dec 1895
Semen, born 9 Dec 1901

Special inquiry sample

Miriam Weiner Archive database

Surnames in the summary translations will be indexed and searchable in an online database

It will take about 1 year to index all the surnames appearing in all the summary translations

Miriam Weiner Archives

Search the Database

Miriam Weiner and The Miriam Weiner Archives have generously donated a large number of documents to the Belarus SIG. The surnames appearing in these records have been indexed and can be searched using the search engine below. In the search results will be a link to the summary translation of the original document and, if available, an image of the original document.

Search the Miriam Weiner Archives

Surname: (•) is exactly ( ) sounds like ( ) starts with [Mardar] ( ) contains ( ) ends with

Town [Slutsk]

Start search at entry: [1] hits/page: [50]

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	Surname	Type of record	Year of record	Town	District	Province	Country	
1	Mardar	census	1834	Slutsk	Slutsk	Minsk	Belarus	details
2	Mardar	military	1885	Slutsk	Slutsk	Minsk	Belarus	details

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Ways to Help

- Volunteer
  - Leadership roles
    - Volunteer coordinator
    - Fundraising coordinator
    - Records inventory coordinator
    - Records translation coordinator
  - Specialized roles
    - Translator/Transcriber/Reviewer (Russian, Hebrew/Yiddish, Polish)
    - District coordinator (Gorki, Klimovichi, Mstislavl, Rogachev, Volkovysk)
    - Town coordinator
  - Complete the help desk survey: http://www.jewishgen.org/Belarus/about/survey/index.html
- Donate to the Belarus SIG general fund and/or a district fund: http://www.jewishgen.og/JewishGen-erosity/v_projectslist.asp?project_cat=1
- Donate data/private researcher reports to the SIG