

**Belarus District Research Groups**

**Search the B•R•I (Belarus Records Inventory)**

**Take Notes**

What are the Records	Where are the Records	Collected Inventory	District Project
Revision Lists			
Births			
Marriage/Divorces			
Deaths			

**Skill Building Exercise #37: [Check the B•R•I](#)**

To understand the path through these links, we should walk through what the current records are. Already uploaded records are on the JewishGen All Belarus Database (ABD). Start by opening the tab [Search the B•R•I](#).

- Let's check on records for Larry whose family comes from Borisov. Start by choosing Revision Lists from the [Records of Belarus](#).
- An Explanation [Belarus Revision Lists Database](#)
- From the [Revision List Page](#) scroll down to Contents of this Database. There are approximately 200,000 revision list/census records for towns in Belarus in the JewishGen Belarus database and All Lithuania database. Below is a listing of the towns.

<a href="#">Bobovnya</a>	<a href="#">-1941392</a>	Slutsk	Minsk	1872	1874	29	<a href="#">detailed inventory</a>
<a href="#">Bobruysk</a>	<a href="#">-1940996</a>	Bobruysk	Minsk	1858	1858	5,333	<a href="#">detailed inventory</a>
<a href="#">Borisov</a>	<a href="#">-1941088</a>	Borisov	Minsk	1834	1874	724	<a href="#">detailed inventory</a>
<a href="#">Brest-Litovsk</a>	<a href="#">-1941830</a>	Brest	Grodno	1809	1809	154	<a href="#">detailed inventory</a>
<a href="#">Budslav</a>	<a href="#">-1941930</a>	Vilejka	Vilna	1850	1888	214	<a href="#">detailed inventory</a>

- Open the detailed Inventory for Borisov
- Read An Explanation of the Records in the B•R•I
- Does the BSIG have records for Borisov that are not uploaded to the ABD? If the Detailed Inventory says "**uploaded**" that means they are on the ABD.

**Skill Building Exercise #38: Search the Shtetls of Belarus**

- From the Record Sources/Search the BRI - Read a description of the B•R•I Inventory
- From the Communities page Search the Shtetls of Belarus

**Shtetls of Belarus**

Town Name starts with

Uyezd

Gubernia

➤ **Results**

Town Name	USBGN	Uyezd	Gubernia
<a href="#">Borisov</a>	-1941088	Borisov	<a href="#">Minsk</a>

**Belarus District Records Projects**

**Skill Building Exercise #39: What is the Detailed Inventory?**

**An Explanation of the Records in the B•R•I**

Below is the contents from the Belarus Revision List database. Note at the far right the link to the Detailed Inventory.

**Contents of the Database**

There are approximately 200,000 revision list/censusrecords for towns in Belarus in the JewishGen Belarus database and All Lithuania database. Below is a listing of the towns.

Town	USBGN#	Uyezd (District)	Guberniya (Province)	Earliest year	Latest year	# of Records	Link to detailed inventory
Antopol	-1940921	Kobrin	Grodno	1853	1853	517	<a href="#">detailed inventory</a>
Bakshy area	-1941013	Oshmiany	Vilna	1888	1888	213	<a href="#">detailed inventory</a>
Baranovichi	-1941035	Slutsk	Minsk	1864	1874	13	<a href="#">detailed inventory</a>
Belitsa	-1941165	Lida	Vilna	1784	1905	3,019	<a href="#">detailed inventory</a>
Berestovitsa	-1941478	Grodno	Grodno	1858	1858	1,038	<a href="#">detailed inventory</a>



The Detailed Inventory link opens to a description of current status of each time period and source. This Detailed Inventory link takes you to the B•R•I Inventory.

The Detailed inventory opens to a new screen. This enlarged view maintains a table for one town in one District. Note below two columns from the town, Antopol, in the Kobrin District of Grodno Gubernia. These two extracted columns for Antopol break down Status of records for Census 1784, 1806, 1811, 1850 1853 as shown below. Note that Details in blue indicate a hyperlink to further information.

**Skill Building Exercise #40: Do we have records for your town?**

- Do we have records for your town?
- If your shtetl or town name is in the Shtetls of Belarus, there is some information on the kinds of records available for your towns. If your District (Uyzed) is listed on the Shtetls of Belarus, the Help Desk or the District Coordinator may have information on the towns included in the search for records.

**Skill Building Exercise #41: How do I find out about getting records for my family?**

- What do I need to know?
- How do I prepare to obtain records ➤ What are the steps?
- How do I gain access to record information?

The records of Eastern Europe are in hard bound books. Many are over sized and tightly bound. The paper is old and fragile. Imagine opening and closing, putting a book under hot lights over and over to microfilm or copy pages. Imagine many, many requests with books off the shelves for months at a time. This is not a quick and easy process. That is why so many archives have made arrangements with the Church of Latter Day Saints to microfilm records. That is to preserve their original record books. That is why we encourage you first to see if records exist on the Belarus SIG, to see if there is a current project for your shtetl or District, to make contact with your Coordinator to see if records have been translated.

[Read more...](#)

### [Active Research Projects](#)

The Belarus SIG has 18 currently active Coordinators who have information on the current status of your District. Several Districts are joint Projects with the Litvak SIG. Each Coordinator has an email contact address.

HOME	NAVIGATION	GET STARTED	SIG SEARCH	COMMUNITIES	RECORD SOURCES	HELP
DISTRICT GROUPS	RECORDS	BOOKS & GUIDES	LANDSMANSHAFTEN	LAWS	CEMETERIES	
SEARCH THE B•R•I	ARCHIVES	TRANSLATION AIDS	SAMPLE DOCUMENTS	MAPS	NEWSLETTERS	

## Our Towns — Our Projects

Towns are listed to be consistent with "[The JewishGen Communities Database](#)" for each District around 1900 and before WWI. District projects include smaller communities named in the "[The JewishGen Gazetteer](#)".

Districts: [Bobruysk](#) [Borisov](#) [Brest](#) [Disna](#) [Gomel](#) [Igumen](#) [Kobrin](#) [Lida](#) [Minsk](#) [Mogilev](#) [Mozyr](#) [Novogrudok](#) [Oshmiany](#) [Pinsk](#) [Pruzhanj](#) [Rechitsa](#) [Rogachev](#) [Slonim](#) [Slutsk](#) [Sventsyanj](#) [Vilejka](#)

### Skill Building Exercise #42: District Coordinators

- Is your District covered by a current project? Who are the coordinators?
- What questions do you want to ask a coordinator? Jot down the information you have questions about.
- You do not have to join the District Project before you ask questions
- You can find out what records they are working on before you make a contribution?
- You may also write to the HELP DESK with your questions.

### Skill Building Exercise #43: What do you know about records for your District?

- Have you searched the LDS catalog? (Exercise # 3)
- Have you searched Routes to Roots Foundation Records for your towns? (Exercise #3)
- Have you viewed the Detailed Inventory for your District? (Exercise #31)
- Do you know who your BSIG Coordinator is for your District? (Exercise #35)