

# JewishGen Education

## Why Take a Class?

**Taking a class is like constructing a puzzle from the pieces you have at the start.**

### Let's start by imagining:

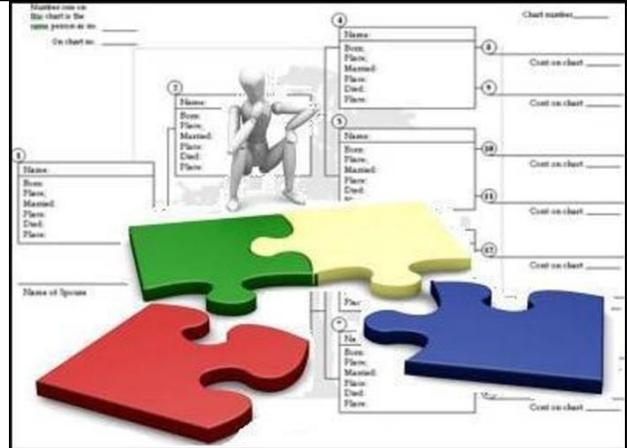
Each one of us has a puzzle . . . a puzzle we want to solve.

1. Let's translate our imagined solved puzzle . . . what will the finished product look like?

Now translate it into a written goal.

2. Once the goal is set—this will be your reference picture (success for you).

3. When completed, this goal is set to reflect your desired outcomes.



### Where are my missing pieces?

*Construct your story.*

1. Create and plan strategies for assembling the puzzle.
2. Spread out the pieces you already have. What records are you missing?
3. Finding pieces: **Write out three objectives.** What do you need, what are the ways you will work on assembling the missing data, and where will you look for the missing data?

Much of today's genealogy work requires creating your own puzzle pieces and then hoping that you analyzed them correctly and that they fit together logically.

**Collaborate**  
**Collect**  
**Combine**  
**Connect**



**Start here:** What will you do with the pieces you already have?



**If you have one piece, who has the other?**  
How will you find it? Where will you find it?

**Why take a class? A class can help you:**

- Define the scope and build a research structure
- Define a finished research project
- Deal with missing pieces
- Analyze your data and help you move forward

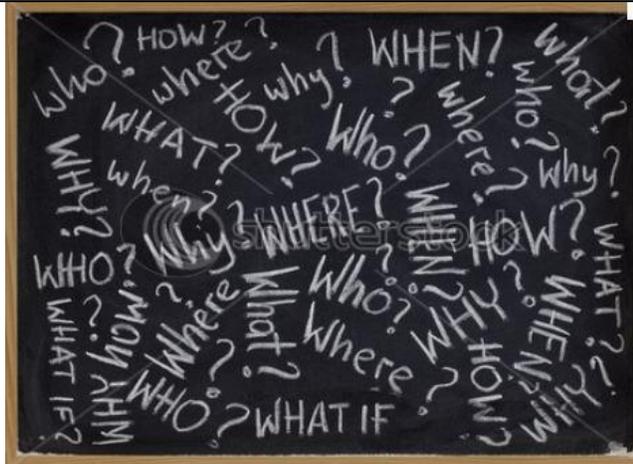
### **A class gives you skills:**

- Skills for finding pieces
- Skills for developing search strategies
- Skills to organize your data
- Skills for using Internet genealogy sites
- Skills for working in foreign archives



**A class also:**

- ✓ Broadens your knowledge base
- ✓ Opens up a dead end
- ✓ Finds your personal links
- ✓ Increases your set of connections
- ✓ Helps you organize and analyze your data
- ✓ Helps you plan the next step



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JewishGen offers **mentored, one-on-one classes** throughout the year, as well as **workbook text-based ("basic") classes** and **home study courses**.

You can start with **basic classes**, which are *value-added* (i.e., free when you contribute \$100 to the General Fund), self-paced exercises covering:

- ✓ Search strategies
- ✓ How to organize your data
- ✓ How to use JewishGen
- ✓ How to cite sources
- ✓ The Belarus SIG website

JewishGen's mentored, one-on-one classes are taught in a private FORUM.

Home study courses feature **DOWNLOADABLE LESSON GUIDES** on some of our most popular classes that are no longer being taught.



**There Are Advanced Classes**

**Brick Walls or Dead End**

**Independent Study**

**There Are Basic Classes to Get You Started**

**Basic 1: Explore the JewishGen Website**

**Basic 2: Search Strategies Using Google**

Nancy Holden will answer questions.

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