

ABOUT JEWISHGEN

JewishGen is committed to ensuring Jewish continuity for present generations and the generations yet to come. To this end, JewishGen became a part of the Museum of Jewish Heritage — A Living Memorial to the Holocaust in New York City, signaling a new era for Jewish genealogy and Jewish heritage. Each program, each shtetl, each yizkor book, each search engine added to the list of offerings brings us closer and closer to uniting families separated by the horrors of the Holocaust. This work is conducted by volunteers from New York City to Tel Aviv to Sydney, Australia, and all points in between. Through their relationships with archives and depositories, more and more records are unearthed and made accessible. The JewishGen community continues to expand into a social network with a shared goal: to preserve our history for future generations. The commitment of JewishGen users is unparalleled. Said one JewishGen volunteer, "It's not a hobby, it's a mission."

Help preserve our history for future generations

___ YES, I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT JEWISHGEN.

___ YES, I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR JEWISHGEN.

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SUCCESS STORIES

Read just some of the many success stories of families reconnected through JewishGen

Karen Franklin, a genealogist, has been on a mission since Congregation Ohav Sholaum in Inwood, NY shut its doors in January 2006. She rescued more than 100 prayer books from the synagogue, and an additional 30 were snatched from burial in the basement of Hirsch & Sons Funeral Home in the Bronx.

The *siddurim*, which dated back to 1832 and were collected from the pews of the closed shul, are inscribed with the names of the original owners, and many include the village of the German-Jewish immigrants who transplanted them here. Using JewishGen's German discussion group to list the books' owners, Franklin was able to reunite the prayer books with over 30 living relatives.

Sheila Adler of Ohio is thankful to have the recovered prayer books that belonged to her Uncle Julius. "Julius is the reason our Adler side of the family survived the Holocaust," she wrote to Karen. Since listing the names on JewishGen, Franklin has received numerous e-mails, some of them from as far away as Mexico, Israel, Canada and Germany.

Among her finds, Franklin was particularly moved by the prayer book belonging to Carl Schaumberger. She discovered it just hours before Passover, and made it her priority to return the holy text to his son, Norman, of Tappan, NY, just in time for the Passover celebration.



MAKING CONNECTIONS

Since signing up for this basic genealogy class I have been on an amazing journey which I would like to share with you. When I made my first post to the forum to see if there was any information about my grandparents, Harry and Gussie Schrieber, I was hopeful but did not expect an immediate response from Annette Stolberg who is on the JewishGen Index team.

She responded that she knew my grandparents!

We compared information. I had the 1920 and 1930 census data and their naturalization papers. Since she grew up in Rochester, where my grandparents settled, she was able to give me amazing leads. We spoke on the phone. She did detective work for me, calling cousins I did not know I had. She was able to give me phone numbers (with their permission) and I spoke to my first cousin who told me where - my grandparents are buried but most importantly she told me I have a half-sister I had no idea about! My half-sister Susan has been searching for me her whole life. When we talked it was the best and happiest moment. We are planning a visit soon.

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THE JEWISHGEN PHILOSOPHY

JewishGen is the premier site for Jewish genealogical research and offers a wealth of resources and information for everyone, from the novice to the advanced researcher.

JewishGen is the ideal place to start a journey into the history of your own family, with access to millions of personal records and information on thousands of ancestral towns.

There are extensive resources for beginners. JewishGen offers a number of educational resources, including Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ), and online courses that teach participants how to conduct research, interpret information, and plan further research.

For advanced researchers and seasoned genealogists, JewishGen offers databases with millions of records, discussion groups, and research tools. JewishGen serves a broad base of users, spanning all continents.

Whether you want to find your ancestral town, connect or reconnect with family, participate in a project to preserve records, or are simply interested in learning more about Jewish history, JewishGen can help.

These resources are available online as a public service.

Find Long Lost Relatives

The **JewishGen Family Finder** is an interactive database which allows users to post family surnames and ancestral towns, and find other researchers with similar interests. Thousands of users have found long lost relatives, and hidden branches of their family trees. The JGFF contains nearly half-a-million entries, and is continually updated.

Search Family Trees of Over 4 Million People

The Family Tree of the Jewish People is a searchable compilation of family trees submitted by individuals, and is searchable by a variety of methods. It contains more than four million records, and is continually updated.

Get Help From Researchers All Over the World

The **JewishGen Discussion Groups** provide thousands of researchers throughout the world the opportunity to connect, ask questions, exchange information, and learn from others. JewishGen has many Discussion Groups, both for general interest, and groups focusing on specific areas of interest such as Poland, Germany, Lithuania, Rabbinic genealogy, and many others. These discussions are archived and searchable by specific word or topic.

Find the Town Where Your Family Came From

The **JewishGen Communities Database** allows searches for ancestral towns, regardless of spelling or current location, including Yiddish nicknames, as well as by geographic location (e.g. "near Minsk"). The database provides interactive maps and links to a wealth of information about Jewish communities, including **JewishGen ShtetLinks**, web pages devoted to specific Jewish communities.

Get Help Translating Documents

The **JewishGen ViewMate Tool** allows users to post photographs and documents, and ask for help in translating or identifying information.

Locate Burial Records

The **JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry (JOWBR)** allows users to search more than one million Jewish burial records throughout the world, many accompanied by photographs.

JewishGen Databases

JewishGen allows users to search more than 14 million online records, in databases for Poland, Belarus, Ukraine, Germany, Lithuania, the USA, and other regions. JewishGen also has a searchable database of two million Holocaust records, which includes registrations from ghettos, transport lists, concentration camp records, and survivor lists.

Yizkor Book Project

Yizkor Books are Holocaust remembrance books published as a tribute to Jewish communities and their residents who were murdered during the Holocaust. Yizkor Books contain a wealth of information, including names of victims, survivors, and emigrants; history, descriptions, and photographs of Jewish life. The **JewishGen Yizkor Book Project** is an ongoing effort to translate and digitize this information into a searchable online resource. There are currently partial translations of hundreds of Yizkor books on JewishGen.

VOLUNTEERS LEAD THE WAY

So much of JewishGen's programs and databases involve the painstaking research compiled by a vast network of volunteers from around the globe. Teams of volunteers are formed not through physical proximity, but through a common interest in a project, knowledge of the field, and individual technical skills. JewishGen projects are open to all who are interested. Participation abounds as more and more new information is made available through major grassroots efforts worldwide. Join us.

In the past 20 years, information technology, global communication, and the availability of newly opened records has allowed great strides in Jewish genealogy. During that time, JewishGen has grown from a 150-user bulletin board system to become the primary Internet source connecting researchers of Jewish genealogy users worldwide, with more than 300,000 people registered.

HOW TO GET STARTED

- Talk to family and relatives
- Visit JewishGen.org
- Take the online JewishGen Basic Genealogy class
- Register for the JewishGen Family Finder (JGFF)
- Register for the Discussion Groups
- Search the JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry (JOWBR)
- Search the Databases
- Keep coming back to JewishGen as new information is continually added

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COVER (TOP) AND INSIDE (CENTER): *Misha Scharf Czaban and her children Faiga and Leizer*, courtesy Susana Leistner Bloch

COVER (BOTTOM): *The Heller - Scharf Family of Suchostaw, Galicia, now Ukraine*, courtesy Susana Leistner Bloch

INSIDE (TOP RIGHT) AND BACK (PANEL 3): *Group of friends on an outing in the country, 1931, Sadkowa Gora, near Mielec, Galicia, now Poland*, courtesy Susana Leistner Bloch

INSIDE (TOP LEFT): *Members of the Hitzradut Movement Chorostków. Photo taken in Chorostków, Galicia, now Ukraine*, courtesy Susana Leistner Bloch

BACK (PANEL 2): *Prayer books*, photo courtesy JewishGen