RESOURCES FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH IN SOUTH AFRICA

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http://www.jewishgen.org/safrica/conferences/SA-SIG-Resources.pdf

INTERNET RESOURCES

JewishGen Southern Africa SIG (SA-SIG): http://www.jewishgen.org/SAfrica

Article on Southern African genealogical research:

SA Jewish Rootsbank database http://www.jewishroots.uct.ac.za
(includes The Poor Jews’ Temporary Shelter Database)


FamilySearch http://www.familysearch.org

Cape Town Jewish Cemeteries Maintenance Board http://www.jewishcemetery.co.za

Genealogical Society of South Africa http://www.eggsa.org

Map Studio (Street maps of most SA towns): http://www.mapstudio.co.za

South African White Pages http://phonebook.yellowpages.co.za

NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES SERVICES

National Archives Repository (Contact: The Head)
Postal address: Private Bag X236, Pretoria 0001
Street address: 24 Hamilton Street, Arcadia, Pretoria
Phone: +27 (0)12 323 5300 Fax: +27 (0)12 323 5287
Email: Archives@dac.gov.za

[Courses both the Archives of the Central Government and of Gauteng, formerly Transvaal province]

Cape Town Archives Repository (Contact: The Head)
Postal address: Private Bag X9025, Cape Town 8000
Street address: 72 Roeland Street, Cape Town
Phone: +27 (0)21 462 4050 fax: +27 (0)21 45 2960

Free State Archives Department (Contact: The Head)
Postal address: Private Bag X20504, Bloemfontein 9300
Phone: +27 (0)51 522 6762 Fax: +27 (0)51 522 6765

Pietermaritzburg Archives Repository (Contact: The Head)
Postal address: Private Bag X9012, Pietermaritzburg 3200
Phone: +27 (0)33 342 4712 Fax: +27 (0)33 394 4353

Durban Archives Repository (Contact: The Head)
Postal address: Private Bag X22, Greyville 4023
Phone: +27 (0)31 309 5682 Fax: +27 (0)31 309 5685

Port Elizabeth Archives Repository (Contact: The Head)
Postal address: Private Bag X3932, Port Elizabeth 6056
Phone: +27 (0)41 484 6451 Fax: +27 (0)41 484 6451

GENERAL GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

Central Statistical Services, Demographics
Postal address: Private Bag X44, Pretoria 0001
Phone: +27 (0)12 310 8911 Fax: +27 (0)12 322 3374
Web: http://www.statssa.gov.za

[Information about specific individuals, relationships, religion, year of arrival and place of birth.]
Southern Africa Jewish Genealogy Special Interest Group (SA-SIG)

Department of Home Affairs, Births, Marriages, and Deaths (Contact: The Registrar)
Postal address: Private Bag X114, Pretoria 0001
Phone: +27 (0)12 314 8911 Fax: +27 (0)12 314 8911
Web site: http://www.dha.gov.za

Department of Home Affairs, Naturalizations
Postal address: Private Bag X114, Pretoria 0001
Phone: +27 (0)12 314 8570 Fax: +27 (0)12 323 5955

Masters of The Supreme Court (wills and probate documents)
The Master of the Supreme Court, Private Bag X60, Pretoria 0001 Phone: +27 (0)12 323 2404
The Master of the Supreme Court, Private Bag X20584, Bloemfontein, 9300
The Master of the Supreme Court, Private Bag X9018, Cape Town, 8000
The Master of the Supreme Court, Private Bag X1010, Grahamstown, 6140
The Master of the Supreme Court, Private Bag X9010, Pietermaritzburg, 3200

MILITARY RECORDS

South African National Defence Force Archives, Department of Defence
Documentation Service Directorate, Private Bag X289, Pretoria 0001
Phone: +27 (0)21 322 6350 ext. 227 Fax: +27 (0)21 323 5613

South African Defence Force Archives, Private Bag X615, Pretoria 0001

South African National Museum of Military History (Contact: Chief Archivist) – no personal records
P.O. Box 52090, Saxonwold, 2132, Transvaal
Phone: +27 (0)11 646 5513 Fax: +27 (0)11 646 5256

South African Military History Society
P.O. Box 59227, Kenegray, 2100
Phone: +27 (0)11 648 2087 Fax: +27 (0)11 648 2085
Web: http://rapidttp.com/milhist/ or http://rapidttp.co.za/milhist/

South African War Graves Board, 153 Blackwood Street, Pretoria, 0001
Commonwealth War Graves Commission http://www.cwgc.org/

JEWSH RESOURCES

Union Of Orthodox Synagogues and Office of the Chief Rabbi
Postal address: P.O. Box 46559, Orange Grove, 2119
Phone: +27 (0)11 485 4865 Fax: +27 (0)11 640 7528
E-Mail: jhb@uos.co.za Web: http://www.uos.co.za

Beth Din (United Hebrew Congregation) Phone: +27 (0)11 648 9136

South African Union for Progressive Judaism (SAUPJ)
Postal address: P.O. Box 1190, Houghton 2041, Johannesburg
Phone: +27 (0)11 646 7903 Fax: +27 (0)11 646 7904
Email: saupj@worldonline.co.za Web: http://saupj.org.za/

United Progressive Reform Congregation Phone: +27 (0)11 484 3003

Johannesburg Jewish Helping Hand and Burial Society (Chevra Kadisha)
Postal address: Private bag X7, Sandringham 2131
Phone: +27 (0)11 640 9100 Fax: +27 (0)11 640-9155
Email: chevrahgroup@jhbcshев.co.za Web: www.jhbcshев.co.za

Union of Orthodox Synagogues of SA and Beth Din
Postal address: 191 Buitenkat Street, Cape Town
Phone: +27 (0)21 461 6310 Fax: +27 (0)21 461 8320

United Chevra Kadisha in Cape Town
Postal address: P.O. Box 543, Cape Town, 8000 Phone: +27 (0)21 531 8705

Durban Jewish Centre
Postal address: P.O.Box 10797 Marine Parade, Durban Phone: +27(0) 31 368 2653
**Southern Africa Jewish Genealogy Special Interest Group (SA-SIG)**

**Durban United Hebrew Congregation Great Synagogue**  
Postal address: 75 Silverton Road, Durban  
Phone: +27 (0)31 201 5177

**Chevra Kadisha (Burial Society) in Durban**  
Selbourne Road, Durban  
Phone: +27(0)31 205 5194  
Email: Stan Hart <stanhart@mweb.co.za>

**Red Hill Cemetery (Durban)**  
Phone: +27(0)31 564 5771 or 201 5177

**United Hebrew Institutions of Bloemfontein**  
Postal address: P.O. Box 1152, Bloemfontein 9301, Orange Free State  
Fax: +27 (0)51 536 6447.

**Griqualand West Jewish Burial Society**  
P.O. Box 68, Kimberley 8300  
Fax: +27 (0)531 81 1281

**Chevra Kadisha (Jewish Burial Society)**  
Postal address: P.O. Box 2089, Port Elizabeth, 6000, Eastern Cape

**Jewish Helping Hand and Burial Society**  
PO Box 887, East London, 5200  
Phone: +27 (0)431 2 4452

**Jewish Museums and Libraries**

**South African Jewish Board of Deputies**  
Postal address: P.O. Box 8755, Houghton 2041  
Street address: Beyachad Centre, 2 Elray Street, Raedene, Johannesburg 2192  
Phone: +27 (0)11 6452500  
Fax: +27 (0)111 645 2559  
Email: sajbad@beyachad.co.za  
Web: http://www.jewishsa.co.za

**Kaplan Centre for Jewish Studies, University of Cape Town**  
Postal address: Private Bag Rondebosch 7701, Cape Town  
Web: http://www.kaplancentre.uct.ac.za/

**Kaplan Centre Jewish Studies Library**  
Phone: +27 (0)21 650 3779  
Fax: +27 (0)21 650 3062  
Email: Juan-Paul.Burke@uct.ac.za  
Web: http://www.jewish.lib.uct.ac.za

[Note: This is an academic research institute and does not do genealogy research]

**The Gitlin Library, Albow Centre**  
Postal address: PO Box 4176, Cape Town, 8000  
Phone: +27(0)21-462 5088

**The Jewish Museum**  
Postal address: Old Synagogue, 88 Hatfield Street, Gardens, Cape Town 8001  
Phone: +27(0)21 465 1546  
Fax: +27 (0)21 465 0284  
Web: www.safewishmuseum.co.za

**The Jewish Pioneers Memorial Museum** (old Raleigh Street Synagogue)  
Postal Address: P.O. Box 3048, Port Elizabeth 6056  
Phone: +27 (0)41 373 5197 or +27 (0)41 583 3671  
Web: http://raleighstshul.blogspot.com/

**C.P. Nel Museum (The Synagogue)**  
Postal address: Box 453, Oudtshoorn, 6620

**SA Friends of Beit Hatefusoth (SA Country Communities Research Project)**  
Postal address: P.O. Box 87557, Houghton 2041  
Fax: +27 (0)11 880 6273  
Email: museum@beyachad.co.za

**Jewish Genealogical Societies in South Africa**

**The Genealogical Society of South Africa (online branch)**  
Web address: http://www.eggsa.org

**Jewish Genealogical Society of South Africa**  
Location: Johannesburg  
Contact: Mo Skikne, Chairman  
Telephone: +1 2782 4235560  
E-mail: moski@global.co.za or genealogysa@gmail.com
**MORMON FHL RESOURCES FOR SOUTH AFRICAN JEWISH GENEALOGY RESEARCH**

The Mormon Family History Library (FHL) microfilms contain an extensive amount of documents that are useful for genealogical research in South Africa, including Estate/Probate documentation, applications for naturalization (Cape Colony only), death certificates, as well as other miscellaneous synagogue and cemetery records. A full description of the resources available in the FHL films can be found at:

http://www.jewishgen.org/safrica/mormon-fhc/index.htm

**UK RESOURCES USEFUL FOR SOUTH AFRICAN JEWISH GENEALOGY RESEARCH**


**The National Archives of England, Wales and the United Kingdom**
Postal address: Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU
Phone: +44 (0)20 8876 3444
Web: http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk (home page)
     http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/catalogue (catalogue)