

# 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:**  
<http://www.jewishgen.org/safrica/index-a&c-source/SA-Research-Shemot-Aug-2012s.pdf>  
**SA Jewish Rootsbank database** <http://www.jewishroots.uct.ac.za>  
(includes The Poor Jews' Temporary Shelter Database)  
**National Archives Web site:** <http://www.national.archives.gov.za>  
**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](mailto:Archives@dac.gov.za)

[Houses 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.]

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**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, Kengray, 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/>

JEWISH 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](mailto: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](mailto: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@jhbchev.co.za](mailto:chevrahgroup@jhbchev.co.za) Web: [www.jhbchev.co.za](http://www.jhbchev.co.za)

**Union of Orthodox Synagogues of SA and Beth Din**

Postal address: 191 Buitenkant 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

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**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: [sajbod@beyachad.co.za](mailto:sajbod@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](mailto: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, Albrow Centre**

Postal address: PO Box 4176, Cape Town, 8000 Phone: +27(0)21-462 5088

Email: [gitlib@netactive.co.za](mailto:gitlib@netactive.co.za)

Web: <http://www.gitlinlibrary.co.za/ActiveConnect/default.html>

**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.sajewishmuseum.co.za](http://www.sajewishmuseum.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](mailto:museum@beyachad.co.za)

**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 27 82 4235560

E-mail: [moski@global.co.za](mailto:moski@global.co.za) or [genealogysa@gmail.com](mailto:genealogysa@gmail.com)

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**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 contains some records of particular interest to genealogical research in South Africa. One set of documents contains shipping records, found in collections BT 26, BT 27, and BT 32. Another set contains details of the casualties of the Special Reserve during the South African War, found in collections in WO 129/8, WO 129/9, WO 129/10, WO 129/11, and WO 108/338.

**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)