

Presentation of JewishGen: The Home of Jewish Genealogy

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1. History

The JewishGen website was founded by Susan King in 1987 as she started her own research into her genealogy. She started an internet message board that had 150 members. This message board eventually became the JewishGen website. JewishGen has grown into a research tool that benefits hundreds of thousands of genealogy researchers in 163 countries.

Susan King bases JewishGen on the concept that all information people contribute to JewishGen should be free to all who participate. This brings over 6.5 million visits to JewishGen each month.

2. Registration

The JewishGen website is free to use, but you must register as a user to access many of the features such as searching the database, submitting information to the family tree, and subscribing to mailing lists.

Registration is a simple process. You can register by following this link to the registration page: <http://www.jewishgen.org/cure/jgidadd.asp>. You can also reach this page when you try to access an area of JewishGen that requires registration and you have not already logged in to the site. The following is a screenshot of the registration form. Note this does require that you supply an email address so be sure to have that ready when you register.

Table 1: JewishGen Registration Form

Enter your Name and Address	
JewishGen requires that you provide your complete and accurate contact information.	
Your Name:	<div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="margin-right: 10px;">Choose from list</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">▼</div> <div style="margin-left: 10px;">Formal Greeting / Title</div> </div> <div style="margin-top: 5px;"><input type="text"/></div> <div style="margin-top: 5px;"><input type="text"/></div> <div style="margin-top: 5px;"><input type="text"/></div> <div style="margin-top: 5px;"><input type="text"/></div> <div style="margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">▼</div> <div style="margin-left: 5px;">Suffix (optional)</div> </div> </div>
Street Address:	<div style="margin-bottom: 5px;"><input type="text"/> (House number and street name)</div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;"><input type="text"/> (additional line, if needed)</div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;"><input type="text"/> (additional line, if needed)</div>
City / State:	<div style="margin-bottom: 5px;"><input type="text"/> City</div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;"> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Choose from list</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">▼</div> <div style="margin-left: 5px;">State/Province (US/Canada/Australia only)</div> </div> </div>
Zip / Postal Code:	<input type="text"/>
Country:	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Select Country</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">▼</div> <div style="margin-left: 5px;">(Your country of residence)</div> </div>
Telephone:	<input type="text"/> (Never displayed; for internal use only)
Enter your Email Address	
<p>Please make sure to type your email address correctly. Your registration cannot be processed without a valid email address. After you submit this form, a confirmation message will be sent to the e-mail address you have entered below. To complete the registration process, you will need to click on the link in the email message and login to</p>	

JewishGen.	
Email Address:	<input type="text"/>
Re-enter Email Address:	<input type="text"/>
Create a Password	
Please select a password, between 4 and 8 characters long, that you're likely to remember. (If you later forget your password, we'll help you find it.)	
Password:	<input type="text"/>

Privacy Options

Display Options:

JewishGen respects the privacy of all those who submit their data for the purposes of personal genealogical research. We do our utmost to insure that no participants receive unwanted solicitations. However, because this is a service provided by JewishGen we reserve the right to contact registrants from time to time regarding JewishGen programs and projects. We also will send e-mail requesting the voluntary financial support from registrants using our services.

If you enter data into the JewishGen Family Finder (JGFF), your contact information will be displayed in the JGFF. We offer the following display options to ensure the greatest degree of privacy without compromising the intent of the database. For address information select any one of these display options:

- 1. Display my JewishGen ID number only (provides maximum privacy through a protected e-mail contact system)
- 2. Display my name and JewishGen ID number only (insures privacy to a degree, through a protected e-mail contact system)
- 3. Display my name and e-mail address (insures privacy to a degree)
- 4. Display my name, email address, and complete postal address (least degree of privacy)

Sharing Options:

JewishGen has tools for your personal research only, and in the best interests of enhancing that research JewishGen proposes to share your information with the organizations with which we partner and host. For this reason that option is the default. If you do not wish your information shared, you are free to select the second option.

- Share my details with JewishGen partnered or hosted organizations which might benefit my research.
- DO NOT share my details with any other organization.

Should you be solicited by any person or organization offering private research or information for a fee please advise JGabuse@jewishgen.org immediately and we will do our best to correct the situation.

3. Learn

3.1. JewishGen FAQ: Frequently Asked Questions about Jewish Genealogy. This is the section you will want to refer to when you have a question about JewishGen. This is a compilation of the most common questions asked about the JewishGen website and Jewish genealogy.

3.2. JewishGen Info Files: A comprehensive directory of information resources, organized by both topic and country. The following is a list as of 5-1-5.

JewishGen Operational Files

Info Files

- Basics
- Books and Periodicals
- Cemeteries
- Genealogical Techniques
- Genealogists
- Genetics
- Holocaust
- Immigration/Emigration
- Internet Resources
- JewishGen Resources
- Libraries and Archives
- Military
- Miscellaneous
- Mormons
- Names
- Postal Matters
- Preservation
- Rabbinic
- Seminars
- Sephardim
- Social Security
- Special Interest Groups
- Translation/Transliteration
- Travel
- Vital Records

Info Files by Country: A listing of files containing information related to a specific country. There are 31 countries in this section.

Data Files: A small list of files containing various files that may be of use to genealogy researches.

3.3. **JewishGen Tools**: This section contains tools that can aid genealogy research. As of 5-1-5 the following tools were part of this section.

3.3.1. **Soundex Calculator**

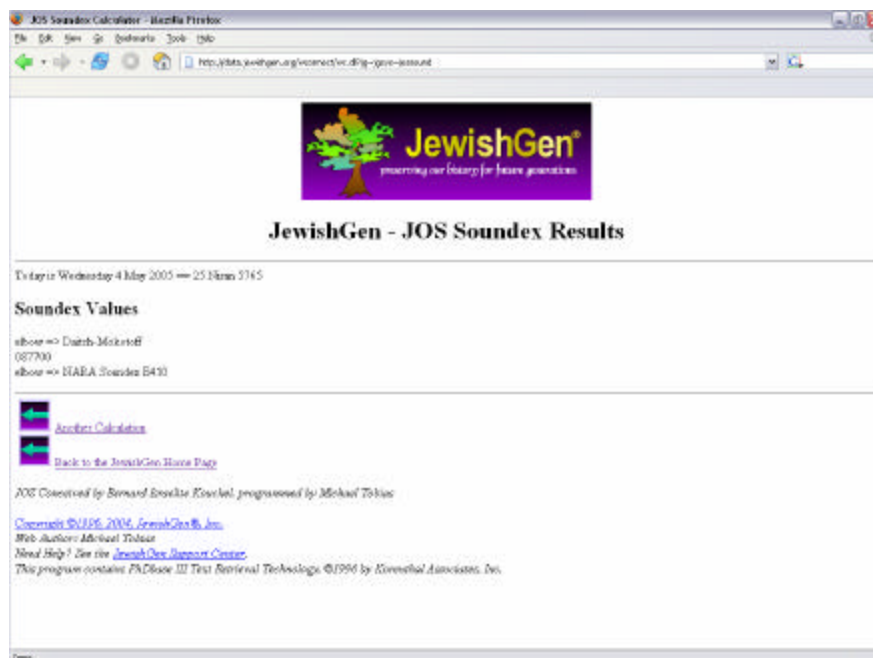
This calculator will calculate an entry into both the Daitch-Mokotoff and NARA soundex. The entry screen looks like this:

Figure 1: Soundex Entry Screen



In this search I entered my last name of 'Elbow' and the calculator produced the following results:

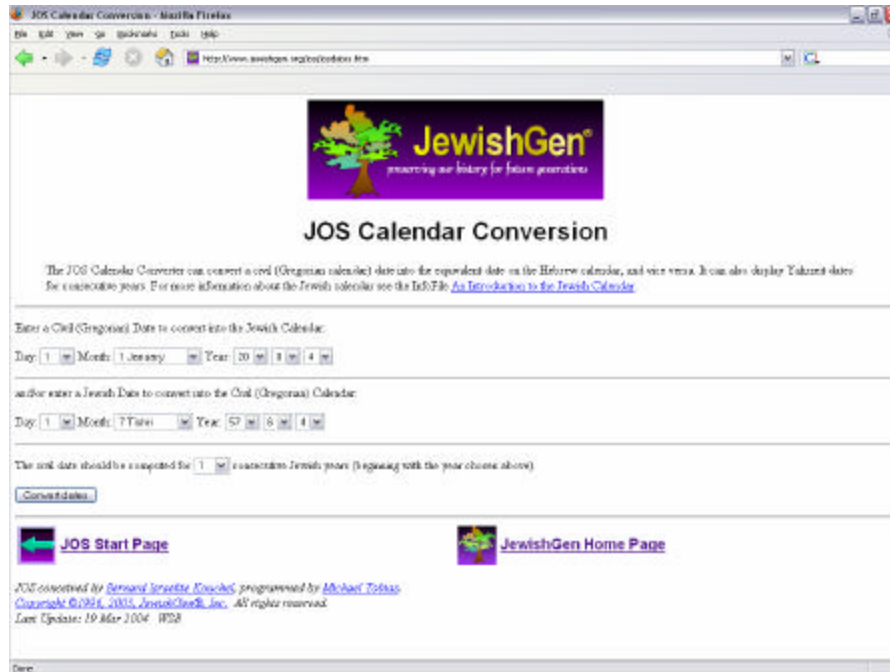
Figure 2: Soundex Calculation Results



3.3.2. Calendar Conversion

The JOS calendar conversion tool converts Gregorian dates into Hebrew calendar dates and vice versa.

Figure 3: JOS Calendar Conversion



3.3.3. Jewish Calendar

The Jewish calendar displays all Jewish holidays for an entered Gregorian or Hebrew year.

3.3.4. Distance/Direction Calculator

The Distance/Direction calculator calculates the distance and direction between two geographic points that are entered in terms of latitude and longitude.

4. Research

4.1. **JewishGen Family Finder (JGFF):** The JewishGen Family Finder is a database used for finding other researchers who are searching the same towns and surnames. It contains over 70,000 researchers who are researching over 350,000 surnames and 20,000 towns.

This database can be used by entering a surname, town, and country and viewing all registered JewishGen users who are searching the same surname, town, and country. If you register with JewishGen you can add your name to the list of researchers along with a surname, town, or country so that other researchers can contact you for research collaboration.

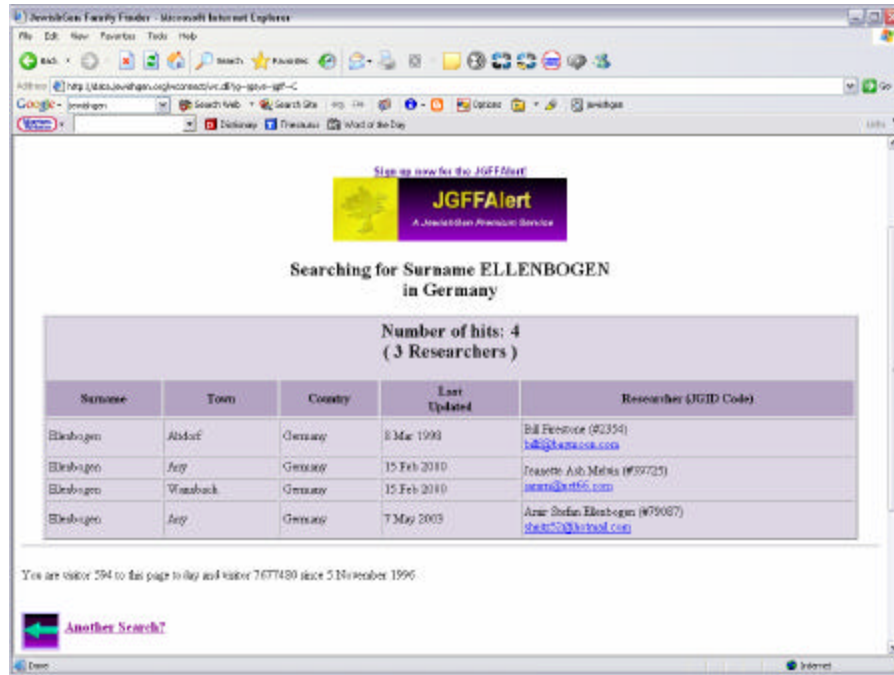
Below is the search page for JGFF. There are three fields in which a surname, town, and country can be entered. In the following example, the surname 'Ellenbogen' and the country 'Germany' have been entered. Once you have entered your search criteria, click the 'Search' button.

Figure 4: Family Finder Search Page

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "JewishGen Family Finder - Search". The address bar displays "http://www.jewishgen.org/cgi-bin/familyfinder". The page content includes a logo for "JewishGen Family Finder" and a heading "JewishGen Family Finder Search". Below the heading, there is a paragraph explaining the search form's capabilities: "The JGFF search form provides you with several options: search-by-surname, search-by-town, search-by-surname-and-town, and variations of those basic searches using wildcards, partial term matching, and the Dutch-Mokotoff Soundex system." It then provides instructions on how to search for other researchers and lists three search tips: "To search for people researching a particular surname, type that surname in the Surname box below.", "To search for people researching a particular ancestral town, type the name of that town in the Town box.", and "If you wish to combine searches to find surname X in town Y, then fill in both Surname and Town spaces." A note states: "You can also filter your searches by country. Please note that the country filter works only on modern country borders, which are often irrelevant for Jewish genealogical research." The search form consists of three input fields: "SURNAME" (containing "Ellenbogen"), "TOWN" (empty), and "COUNTRY" (a dropdown menu set to "Germany"). Below these fields are radio buttons for "SEARCH TYPE" (Standard, Search all entries, Search only entries added/changed since) and a "Search" button.

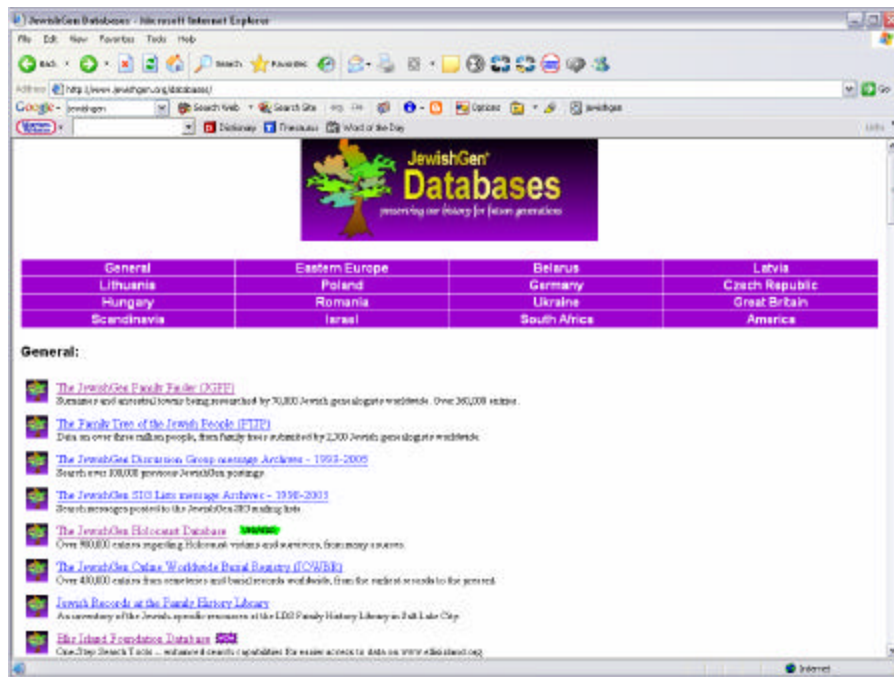
You will then be presented with search results, as shown in the next screenshot. The surname, town, country, date entry last updated, and the researcher will be displayed for each record that matches your criteria. There will be a varying amount of information in the researcher column. The amount of information is determined by the amount that the researcher has chosen to make available. There will be a link in the researcher column that can be either an email link to allow you to contact the researcher directly, or it could be just the JewishGen ID of the researcher. In this case you can enter a message and it will be forwarded to the researcher via their email address without displaying the email address to you.

Figure 5: JGFF Search Results for Ellenbogen



4.2. **JewishGen Databases:** This page is a list of links to the various sources of information contained on JewishGen. The links are grouped in a General category and then by country. The screenshot below shows the contents of the General category as well as a list of the countries that are found further down the page.

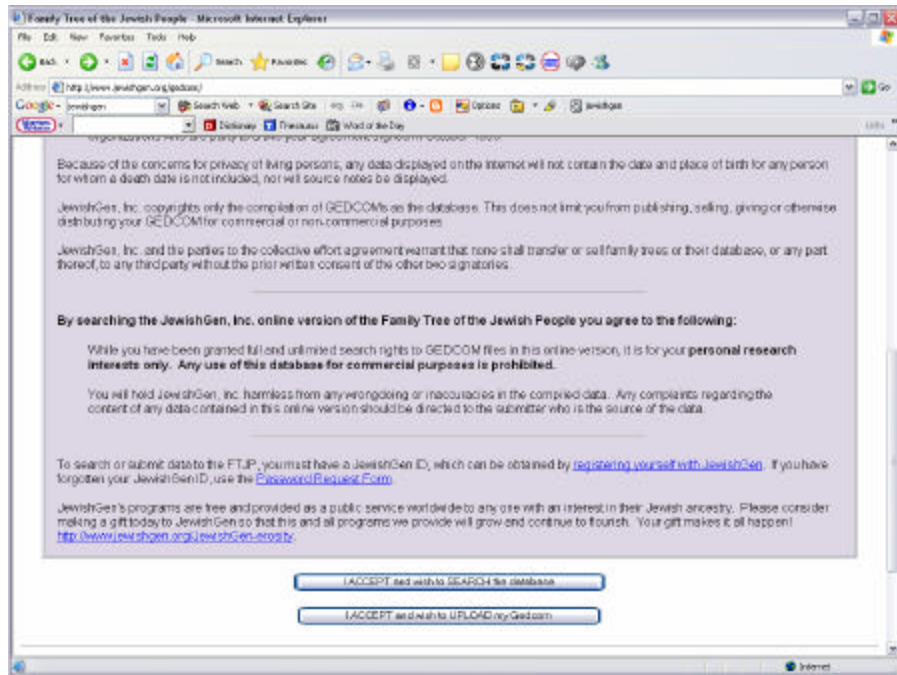
Figure 6: JewishGen Database



4.3. **The Family Tree of the Jewish People (FTJP):** A searchable compilation of family trees of Jewish researchers. This project is a cooperative project by the following three different agencies: JewishGen, Inc., The International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS), and the Nahum Goldmann Museum of the Jewish Diaspora (Beit

Hatefutsot). Both JewishGen and Beit Hatefutsot make this family tree available through websites, IAJGS makes the family tree available on CD-ROM. JewishGen allows registered users to search and to upload genealogy data. In order to do this, you must agree to certain uses of the database. You do this by clicking either a button to search the database or upload GEDCOM data to the database as is seen in the next screenshot.

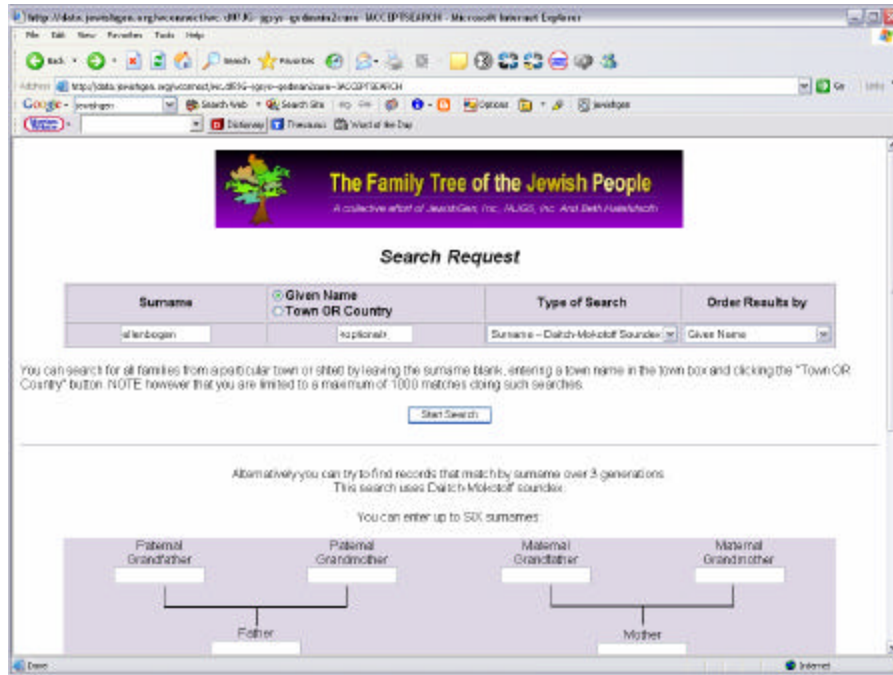
Figure 7: FTJP Agreement Page



4.3.1. Search

Once you accept the agreement to search the database you will be presented with the following search screen. You have two search options, a simple search by surname, town or country or a generational search. The simple search allows you to enter a surname, a town, or a country. JewishGen will return any record that meets the criteria you enter. The generational search allows you to search for people who have common ancestors. You can enter up to six surnames in the bottom half of the search screen.

Figure 8: FTJP Search Screen



The following are the results of a search for the surname 'Ellenbogen'.

Figure 9: FTJP Search Results for 'Ellenbogen'

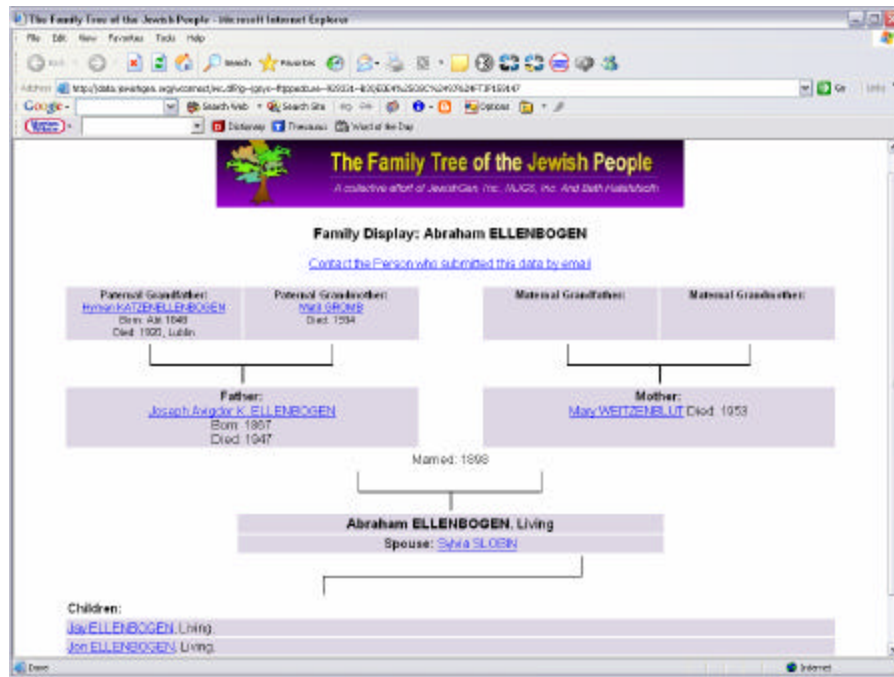
The screenshot shows the search results for the surname 'ELLENBOGEN'. The page title is 'Searching for Surname ELLENBOGEN'. It displays 18 results in a table. The table has columns for Name, Born, Died, Father + Mother, Code, and Last Updated. The results are as follows:

Name	Born	Died	Father + Mother	Code	Last Updated
ELLENBOGEN, L				10049	04 Dec 1999
ELLENBOGEN, L				70005	13 Mar 2005
ELLENBOGEN, Aaron (Schick)	1905	1971	Joseph Arzidor K. + Mary Weizental	5252	19 Dec 1999
ELLENBOGEN, Aaron (Schick)	1905	1971	Joseph Arzidor K. + Mary Weizental	70529	30 Nov 2003
ELLENBOGEN, Akiba Spat			Moses Rafael	15719	25 Mar 2005
ELLENBOGEN, Abraham	1835		Leh + Johanna Guggenheim	29561	07 Jul 1999
ELLENBOGEN, Abraham			David + Taly Fink	29561	07 Jul 1999
ELLENBOGEN, Abraham		1820		29561	07 Jul 1999
ELLENBOGEN, Abraham				29561	07 Jul 1999
ELLENBOGEN, Abraham	1814		Joseph Arzidor K. + Mary Weizental	5252	19 Dec 1999
ELLENBOGEN, Abraham	1814		Joseph Arzidor K. + Mary Weizental	70529	30 Nov 2003
ELLENBOGEN, Achilles	1879	194		1380	09 Aug 2000
ELLENBOGEN, Adon	1814		George + Karla Francis	1855	30 Aug 1999
ELLENBOGEN, Adol	1845		Moses + Fanny Gussachewig	29561	07 Jul 1999
ELLENBOGEN, Agathe	1845		Abraham + Dina Borjinger	29561	07 Jul 1999
ELLENBOGEN, Akiba Saknait, K.	1870	1945	Hyman + Matt Godes	5252	19 Dec 1999

If you find the person you are looking for in the search results, click the link. You will then see a Family Display page that has a family tree centered on the person whose link you clicked. This page will open in a new browser window so you can easily return to the search results.

The Family Display page displays two generations of ancestors of the selected person, spouse (if any), and any recorded children. You can see the family page for any of the relations by clicking on their link.

Figure 10: FTJP Family Display



4.3.2. Upload GEDCOM Data

Genealogy data in the GEDCOM can be produced by most genealogy software. To upload your genealogy data to FTJP, first export the data from your genealogy software. It is important to note that each registered researcher can only upload 1 GEDCOM file, not one for each person you want to add to the FTJP. This means that you must export all of the people you want to upload to the FTJP from your genealogy software into the same GEDCOM file. You can submit an updated GEDCOM file to the FTJP when ever you add to it. However, JewishGen requests that your initial file contain at least 100 people.

In order to protect privacy, JewishGen will remove all dates, places of birth, and marriage information that are not 100 years old. The links for each of these persons will be maintained.

Once you have done this, click the FTJP link from the JewishGen home page. You will be presented with a description of the FTJP and an agreement that you must agree to before uploading data. To upload GEDCOM data, click the 'UPLOAD my GEDCOM' button.

Figure 11: GEDCOM Upload Information Page

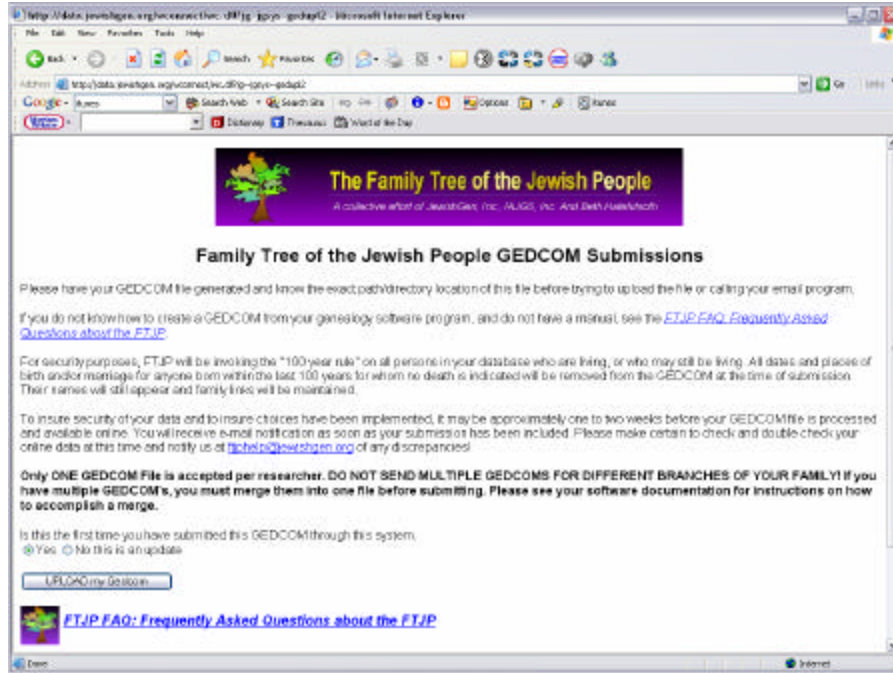
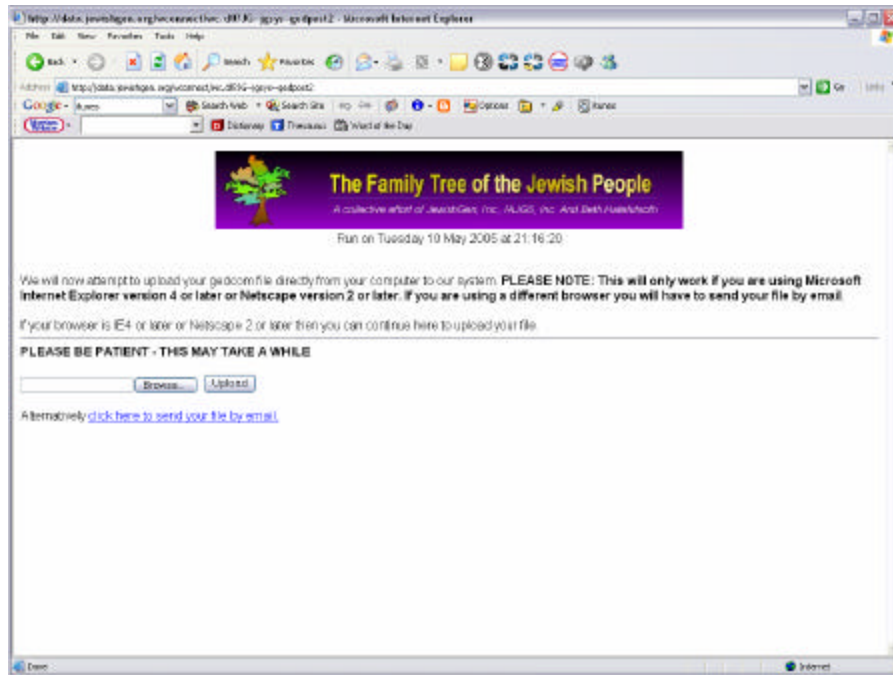


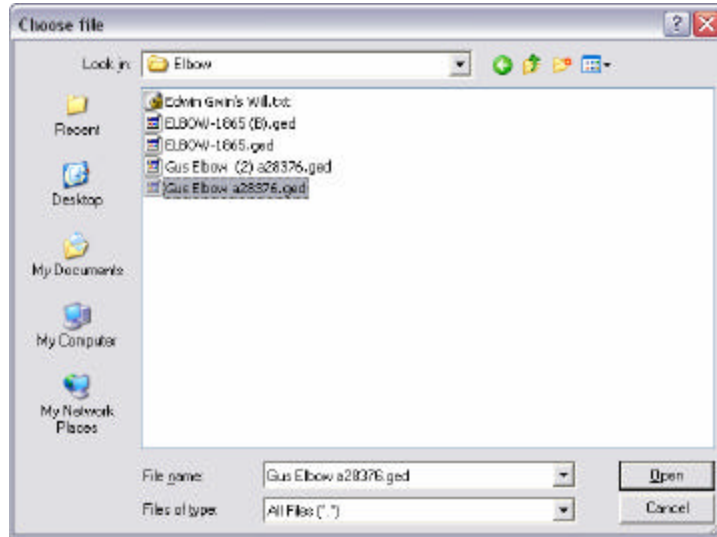
Figure 12: GEDCOM Upload Page



The next page will be the upload page as seen above. Click the 'Browse' button. You will be presented with a file find dialog box, as seen below. Navigate to your GEDCOM file on your computer. Once you have located it, highlight it with one click and then click the 'Open' button. At this point you should see your selected file in the text box on the GEDCOM upload page. Click the 'Upload' button to send your file to JewishGen. According to JewishGen, it will take approximately two weeks to process your file before it

will be available in the FTJP. JewishGen will send you an email when they make the file available.

Figure 13: Select GEDCOM File Dialog Box



You also have the option of sending your GEDCOM file to JewishGen via email. There is a link on the GEDCOM upload page called 'click here to send your file by email'. When you click this link, your email program will open. Attach your GEDCOM file just as you would attach any file to an email and then send your email. It will still take JewishGen approximately two weeks to process your file.

5. Discussion Groups

5.1. JewishGen Discussion Group (via electronic mailing list or newsgroup)

The JewishGen discussion group is an internet forum on which subscribers can share information, ideas, methods, tips, case studies, and resources with other Jewish genealogy researchers.

An internet forum is a place where people can submit messages that are distributed to all people who subscribe to the forum. Any subscriber can then respond to any message by replying to the forum, so that each subscriber receives the reply. This format allows people to ask questions, submit information, provide tips, or any other information that can be of use to fellow researchers.

You can subscribe to the JewishGen Discussion group in one of two ways: via email or via a newsgroup. When you are subscribed via email, you will receive all messages from all subscribers in the form of an email. When you want to send something to the forum, you do it by sending an email.

The other method of participating is through a newsgroup. A newsgroup is similar in concept to an electronic bulletin board that contains all messages from all subscribers. Many email programs provide the capability to participate in newsgroups.

You will receive the same information whether you subscribe through email or through a newsgroup. You can get detailed information on subscribing by clicking the JewishGen 'Discussion Group' link on the JewishGen main page.

5.2. JewishGen Special Interest Group (SIG) Mailing Lists

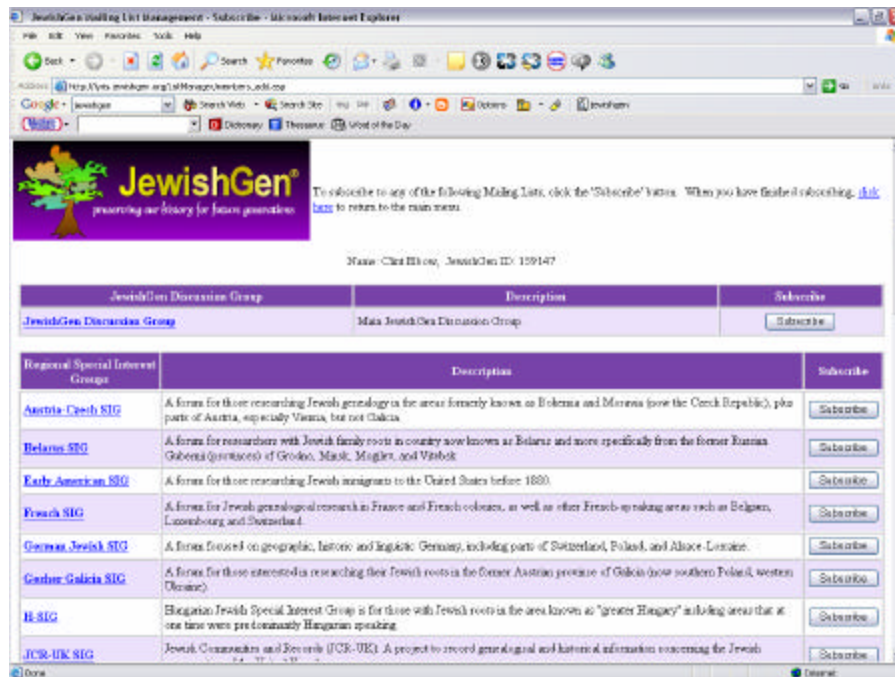
JewishGen Special Interest Group mailing lists are an extension of the JewishGen Discussion Group. These are specialized forums that you can elect to participate in addition to the Discussion Group. The following is a list of special interest groups as of 5-1-5.

- Austria-Czech
- Belarus
- Early American
- French
- German Jewish
- Geshet Galicia
- Hungarian
- Jewish Committee Records in the UK
- Latin America
- Latvia
- Litvak
- Rabbinic Genealogy
- Romania
- Scandinavia
- Sefard
- South Africa
- Ukraine
- DNA Testing
- ShtetLinks

- Yizkor Project
- Jewish Records Indexing in Poland
- IAGJS Conference
- BIALYGen: Bialystock Region Jewish Genealogy Group
- Borislav, Drogobych, Sambor and Vicinity Research Group
- Ciechanow Research Group
- Courland Area Research Group
- Lodz Are Research Group
- Warszawa Research Group
- Yiddish Theatre and Vaudeville Research Group

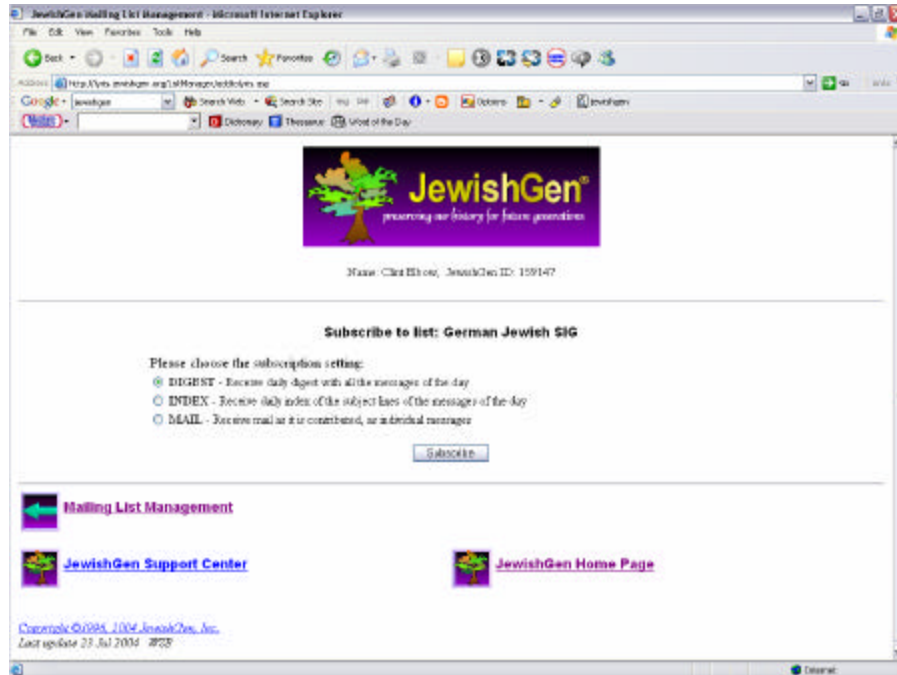
To subscribe to either the JewishGen Discussion Group or one of the special interest groups via email, click on the ‘Special Interest Group (SIG) Mailing Lists’ link on the mail JewishGen page in the ‘Discussion Groups’ section. This link leads to the following page. Click the ‘Subscribe’ button on the left side of the screen for the special interest group you would like to join. The link on the left side of the page is a link to the web page of the special interest group.

Figure 14: Discussion and SIG Links



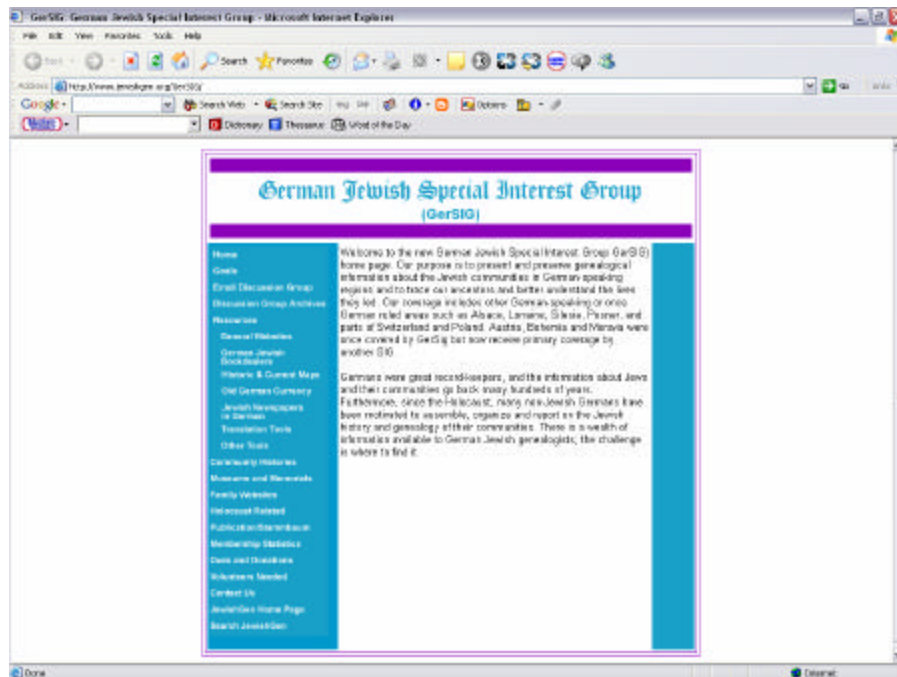
Once you click the ‘Subscribe’ button you will be presented with the following page. Select the type of subscription you would like and then click the ‘Subscribe’ button. You will soon begin receiving messages from the list.

Figure 15: Special Interest Group Subscription Page



Each special interest group has its own page. Below is the German Jewish Special Interest Group page. The left side contains the links of the SIG, including the link to subscribe to the forum. Each SIG page is a little different so you will need to examine the page or pages you are interested in to see what is available.

Figure 16: German Jewish Special Interest Group Page



6. Projects and Activities

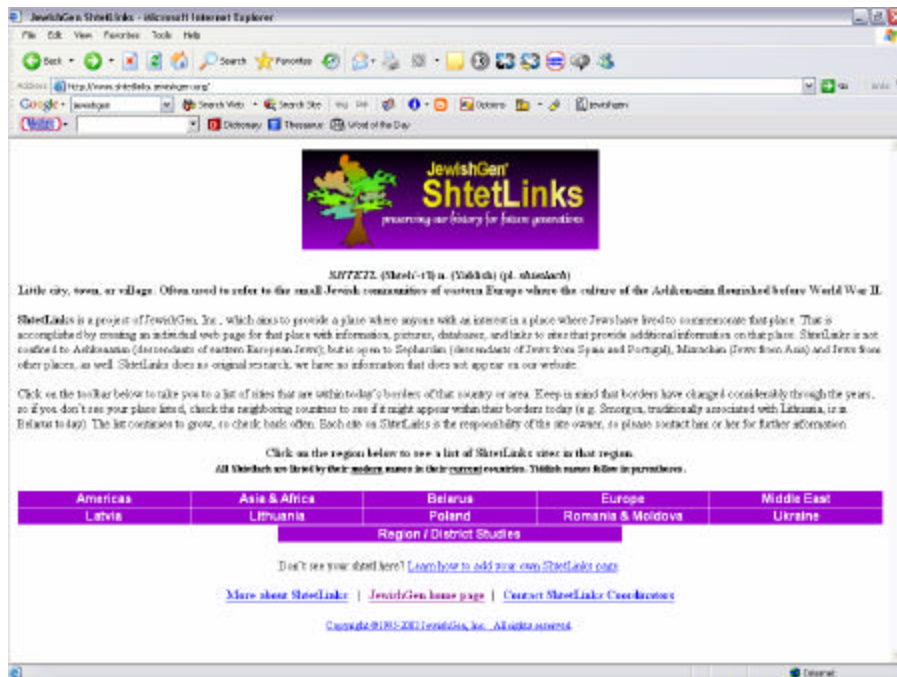
The Projects and Activities page contains several different sections relating to Jewish Genealogy. Each section contains information that you can use or a project that you can take part in. As of 5-1-5, these are the projects and activities.

6.1. ShtetLinks

In JewishGen’s own words, ShtetLinks are “aims to provide a place where anyone with an interest in a place where Jews have lived to commemorate that place. That is accomplished by creating an individual web page for that place with information, pictures, databases, and links to sites that provide additional information on that place.”

For each region listed on the ShtetLinks page, there is a list of towns contained within today’s boundaries of the countries in the region. There are links to each town some of which are within the JewishGen website and some that are not. These links can be helpful if you are researching a specific town.

Figure 17: ShtetLinks Page



6.2. Yizkor Book Project

As you may know, a Yizkor book is a remembrance to the people who were killed in the holocaust and the Jewish homes that were destroyed. The purpose of the Yizkor Book Project is to provide access to Yizkor books and their contents. This is done through translations, database, death index, and a discussion group.

6.3. Holocaust Global Registry

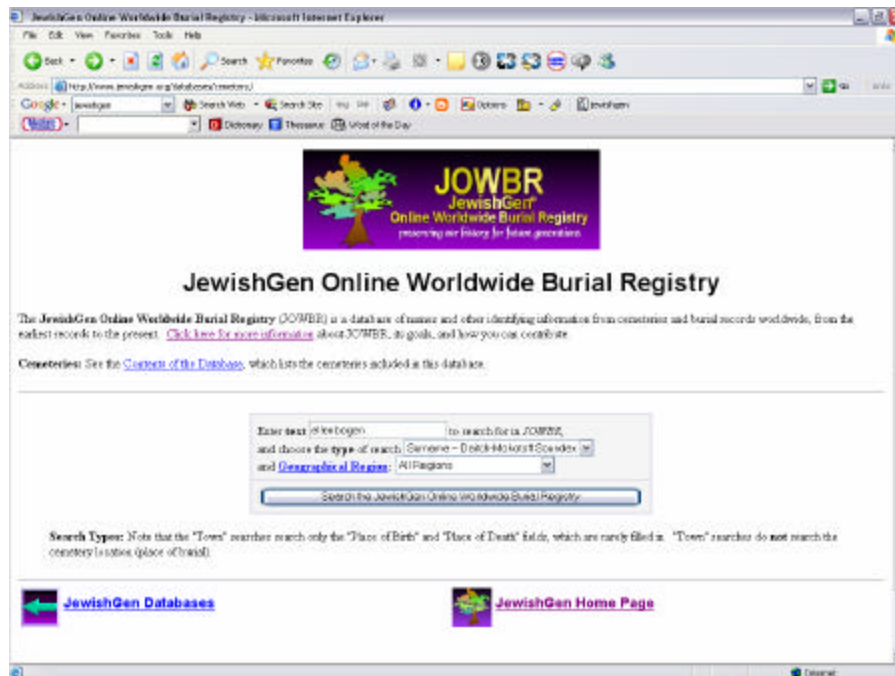
The Holocaust Global Registry is a list of Holocaust survivors. The list is maintained by survivors who add themselves or other survivors they are looking for to the list. This list can be helpful if you are looking for someone who you know or suspect is a survivor of the Holocaust.

6.4. JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry (JOWBR)

The JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry is a collection of names from Jewish cemeteries and burial records from around the world. Researchers can submit information but it must be submitted for a whole cemetery and not just for one family. See the JOWBR page for details on submitting information.

JOWBR can be a valuable research tool for genealogists. Below is the JOWBR search page. You can search for a name or a town. Enter your criteria in the 'Enter text' field and then click the 'Search the JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry' button. You will be presented with a list of records that match your criteria. Each record returned will have a link to the information about the individual or town. Some of the information even contains photographs of burial sites or individual graves.

Figure 18: JOWBR Search Page



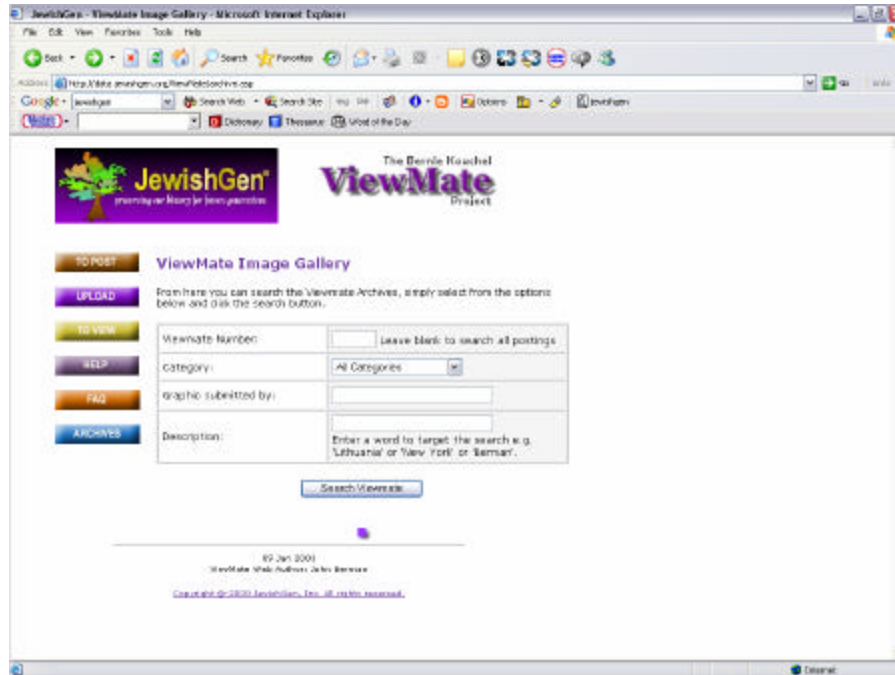
6.5. Family Links

The Family Links page contains a searchable list of family web sites. The sites are a combination of JewishGen sites and non-JewishGen sites. If you maintain a family website and would like to add a link to it, see this page for instructions. This page can also provide a resource for researchers. Search for a family name and you might come across a connection.

6.6. ViewMate

ViewMate is a section where registered JewishGen users can post photos and documents for identification, analysis or translation by other JewishGen users. From the ViewMate page, as seen below, you can upload, respond, and view items. Any time you have a document or graphic that you would like assistance with its translation, transliteration, or other aspect of, you can upload the item. This item will then be available for other user to view and respond to.

Figure 19: ViewMate Page



6.7. JewishGen ShtetlSchleppers

The ShtetlSchleppers is a JewishGen group that plans and conducts tours to Eastern Europe. These tours visit the major hub of the specific region, and then allow time to visit shtetls in the area. If you know the town of your ancestors you can search for a trip on this page that will include a visit to the town.

6.8. Genealogy by Genetics

JewishGen is working with a company called Family Tree DNA on a DNA based genealogy project. This project is linking ancestors together based on DNA and surname. Family Tree DNA provides DNA testing and then provides access to the DNA test results. Researchers can find ancestors dating back to a few thousand years based on DNA. This page provides a link to the Family Tree DNA where you can view the surnames that are being researched and find out how to participate.

6.9. Record the Names of Holocaust Victims

JewishGen has joined with Yad Vashem to record the missing names of Jews who died in the Holocaust. You can support this project by supplying your genealogy research to this effort.

7. Contributions and Fund Raising

7.1. JewishGen-erosity

This page provides information that describes the various ways one can make a contribution to JewishGen. Contributions can be made to a project or honor a worthy individual.

7.2. Volunteer Opportunities

Much of the operation of JewishGen relies on volunteers. This page provides information on how to become involved.

7.3. Contributors · Donors and Volunteers · Wall of Honor.

This section lists those who have contributed to JewishGen in one form or another.

7.4. The JewishGenMall

The JewishGenMall has genealogy, history, travel books, videos, and software available for sale. All proceeds support JewishGen.

8. Special Interest Groups

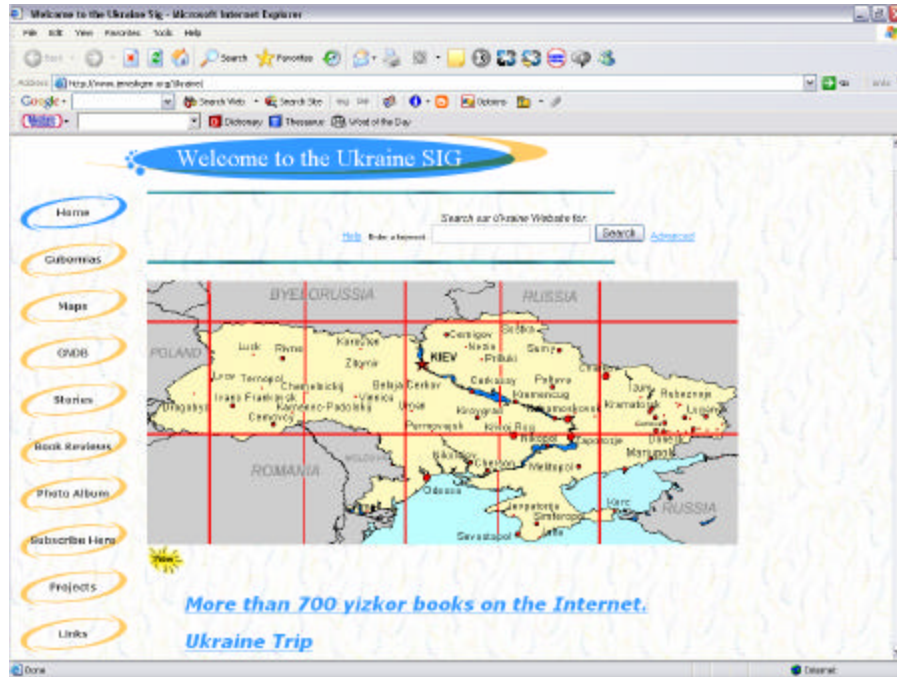
8.1. Regional Special Interest Groups :

The regional Special Interest Groups focus on historic regions of origin. The current list of regions is as follows:

- Austria-Czech
- Belarus
- Courland
- Early American
- French
- Galicia
- German
- Hungary
- Latvia
- Litvak
- Romania
- Scandinavia
- Sefard
- Southern Africa
- Ukraine
- United Kingdom
- Rabbinic.

This section is actually the same Special Interest Group section that was described in section 5.2 JewishGen Special Interest Group (SIG) Mailing Lists. Section 4.2 described the mailing lists of each Special Interest Group. This section simply provides access to the web page of each special access group without first going through the mailing list. Below is the web page of the Ukraine special interest group.

Figure 20: Ukraine Special Interest Group Page



9. Hosted Organizations

This section provides information and links to other organizations that are related to genealogy and Jewish genealogy.

9.1. International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS)

This is a link to the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies webpage.

9.2. JewishGen-hosted Projects

This section provides links to four genealogy projects that JewishGen hosts:

1. IAJGS Cemetery Project – This project's goal is to collect data from every Jewish cemetery in the world.
2. Jewish Records Indexing - Poland – This project's goal is to index all Jewish vital records in Poland.
3. Missing Identity – This project's goal is to help child survivors of the Holocaust find their identity.
4. Forgotten Camps – This project's goal is to document the history of Nazi concentration camps, work camps, police camps, and transit camps.

9.3. Ellis Island Foundation Database

This links to a page that provides one-step search access to the Ellis Island Database. Rather than going directly to the Ellis Island Database to search, you can conduct a search from a JewishGen page. There are five sections on this page. They are as follows:

9.3.1. Which Ellis Island Search Form Should I Use?

This section provides an overview of three Ellis Island search forms.

1. White Form – This form is for searching all passengers with a very restricted town search and a somewhat restricted sounds-like search.
2. Blue Form – This form is for searching all Jewish passengers.
3. Gray Form – This form is for searching all passengers with an unrestricted town search and an unrestricted sounds-like search.

9.3.2. Ellis Island Database

This link provides access to the white form.

9.3.3. Ellis Island Database (Jewish Passengers)

This link provides access to the blue form.

9.3.4. Ellis Island Database (Short Form)

This link provides access to the grey form.

9.3.5. Missing Manifests

This page provides access to search ship manifests. There are apparently many broken links on the Ellis Island Database for ship manifests. This search form provides direct access to these ship manifests. Below is a screenshot of the search page. You can enter the arrival date of the ship as well as the microfilm roll and frame information as search criteria.

10. JewishGen-eral Information

10.1. JewishGen joins Museum of Jewish Heritage

This section describes JewishGen's relationship to the Museum of Jewish Heritage. This museum is a memorial to the Holocaust. This relationship is more than just collaboration in research and sharing of information. The Museum will actually be taking over the daily operations of JewishGen in the following areas: Administration & Finance, Communications & Public Relations, Human Resources & Volunteer Management, Education, Development & Fundraising.

10.2. Learn more about the Museum

This section is a link to the Museum of Jewish Heritage which can be found at the following link: <http://www.mjhnyc.org/index.htm>.

10.3. What's New on JewishGen

This section contains information on new information and developments on JewishGen. It is good to check often to stay informed on what is available.

10.4. Success! Stories of Connections

This section contains stories of researchers' success in using JewishGen.

10.5. FactSheet

This section contains the basic information about JewishGen, which follow:

- **Name:** JewishGen, Inc.
- **History:** Founded 1987, incorporated 1996 as a non-profit 501(c)3 corporation
- **Mailing Address:** 2951 Marina Bay Dr., Suite 130-472, League City, TX 77573
- **Phone:** 1-281-535-2200 **Fax:** 1-281-535-2204
- **Web Address:** <http://www.jewishgen.org>
- **Mailing List:** jewishgen@lyris.jewishgen.org
- **Newsgroup:** soc.genealogy.jewish
- **Support:** <http://www.jewishgen.org/JewishGen/Support.htm>
- **Employees:** 5 full time, 1000+ volunteers
- **Contributions:** <http://www.jewishgen.org/JewishGen-erosity>

The following is a table found on this page that provides various statistics on the use of JewishGen.

Table 2: JewishGen Statistics

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003*
JGFF -- JewishGen Family Finder							
Submitters	7,400	15,000	29,000	41,500	53,700	61,200	67,800
Entries	61,400	105,000	165,213	217,603	267,900	301,300	335,000
Searches	365,677	1,072,447	2,215,104	3,295,495	4,475,035	5,530,868	6,635,781
FTJP -- Family Tree of the Jewish People							
Submitters	-	235	876	1,480	1,896	2,175	2,389
Names	-	410,000	1,091,022	1,710,490	2,070,438	2,380,452	2,663,708

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003*
<i>Email Contacts</i>	-	1,156	7,739	15,596	23,630	31,126	37,550
<i>Searches</i>	-	-	184,245	374,298	585,997	786,577	981,070
JHGR -- JewishGen Holocaust Global Registry							
<i>Entries</i>	464	1,403	1,951	2,139	2,485	2,723	2,817
<i>Searches</i>	-	45,300	85,600	105,230	130,100	150,200	173,000
ShtetLinks							
<i>Localities Online</i>	68	184	298	422	** 228	238	264
Yizkor Book Project							
<i>Books Online</i>	9	60	155	245	318	347	369
<i>Translations</i>	9	60	164	255	358	455	567
<i>Database Titles</i>	855	946	1,011	1,091	1,221	1,248	1,264
<i>Library Call #s</i>	1,136	2,580	4,768	7,335	9,574	10,232	10,237
Website Activity (YTD average)							
<i>Hits per month</i>	512,000	1,570,000	2,410,315	3,024,784	3,983,334	5,089,805	4,500,743
<i>Page views</i>	-	418,777	646,378	1,164,379	1,614,796	2,047,333	2,137,283
<i>User Sessions / month</i>	26,223	111,424	174,296	234,894	320,524	367,270	514,164
<i>User Sessions / day</i>	819	3,594	5,622	7,623	10,282	12,075	16,875
<i>Average Length</i>	10:49	18.42	17:51	16:00	16:45	15:33	10:23
<i># of HTML pages</i>	1,500	3,500	6,500	9,817	18,701	17,140	19,941
Databases							
<i>Records</i>	-	-	-	4,445,178	5,804,109	6,442,000	7,886,103
<i>Hits per month</i>	-	-	-	412,006	464,526	493,447	552,554
JewishGen Discussion Group							
<i>Subscribers</i>	2,550	3,000	3,541	3,540	3,457	3,533	3,877
<i>Number of posts</i>	14,300	15,000	15,670	15,333	12,669	11,724	10,047
<i>Daily Mail Volume</i>	-	-	-	65,000	50,988	45,519	35,351
Special Interest Group Mailing Lists							
<i>Lists</i>	7	17	32	48	35	33	34
<i>Subscribers</i>	1,250	2,150	7,429	15,994	14,879	16,686	21,503
<i>Number of posts</i>	1,818	9,778	16,005	19,133	19,231	16,279	12,871
ShtetlSchleppers							
<i>Participants</i>	-	-	44	120	196	229	295
Contributors							
<i>Financial</i>	735	845	1,396	2,107	2,110	2,975	1,779

* Information updated as of 31 Dec 2003

** We now count only ShtetLinks sites hosted by JewishGen

10.6. Press Kit

This section contains a collection of information or links that would be useful to those who want to learn what JewishGen is all about. There is a link to a brochure about JewishGen as well as links to other information such as the 'Fact Sheet' and 'What's New' section.

10.7. Disclaimer, Site Use & Privacy Policy

This section contains a description of JewishGen's privacy policy.

10.8. JewishGen Support Center - Help with using JewishGen services

This section contains a large number of questions and answers on the use of the JewishGen website. The topics range from registration, JewishGen Family Finder (JGFF), and mailing lists. There is also information on how to contact JewishGen to for further information.