# **2011 Readers Guide to JGSTB Library**

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## Beginners Books

## Avotaynu Guide to Jewish Genealogy by Sally Amdur Sack & Gary Mokatoff



The definitive guide to Jewish genealogical research. Written by more than 60 authors, all experts in their own field. More than 100 chapters cover all important aspects of the rich body of information available to do Jewish genealogical research. Each chapter in "Researching by Country of Ancestry" typically has (1) history of the Jewish presence in the country, (2) what records are available, (3) how to access records, (4) address of repositories and other institutions, (5) bibliography, and (6) Internet addresses. This book is of immense value to both the novice or the experienced researcher.

## Getting Started in Jewish Genealogy by Gary Mokotoff & Warren Blatt



A primer on Jewish genealogical research that explains the great resources on the Internet to get going with your Jewish family history. It alerts the reader to what types of documents of their ancestors will aid in their research — such as birth, marriage, death, immigration, census and naturalization records.

#### Discovering your Jewish Ancestors by Barbara Krasner-Khait



A user-friendly introduction to the basics of Jewish genealogical research. Krasner-Khait writes in a chatty, accessible tone that helps her demystify aspects of genealogy that can overwhelm the novice.

## Finding Our Fathers by Dan Rottenberg



This work shows how to successfully trace your Jewish family back for generations by probing the memories of living relatives; by examining marriage licenses, gravestones, ship passenger lists, naturalization records, birth and death certificates, and other public documents; and by looking for clues in family traditions and customs.

#### From Generation to Generation (2004) by Arthur Kurzweil



First published in 1980 and has since been published in a third revised edition. The book provides information on Kurzweil's own family history quest in addition to step-by-step advice on gathering information on one's family history from family members, family papers, Holocaust research, immigration and naturalization records, and online databases, among other sources. A revised and updated version of this appeared in 2004.

## Google Your Family Tree by Daniel M. Lynch



In **Google Your Family Tree**, you will learn how to apply a range of commands — some basic and others more advanced — to obtain more relevant results for your family history research.

# Genealogy (non Jewish)

The Source (3rd ed) by S.H. Luebking & L. D. Szucs



Intended as a handbook and a guide to selecting, locating, and using appropriate primary and secondary sources, *The Source* also functions as an instructional tool for novice genealogists and a refresher course for experienced researchers. More than 30 experts in this field--genealogists, historians, librarians, and archivists--prepared the 20 signed chapters, which are well written, easy to read, and include many helpful hints for getting the most out of whatever information is acquired.

Guide to Genealogical Research at the National Archives of the U.S. 3rd ed by B. E. Eales, & R. M. Kvasnicka, R.M. ed.



The National Archives contains a wealth of information about individuals whose names appear in census records, military service and pension files, ship passenger arrival lists, land records, and many other types of documents of interest to both beginning and experienced genealogists. The award-winning *Guide* shows how to tap this rich resource, explaining what types of records are preserved in the National Archives and what specific information about individuals is included in each type of record.

Redbook: American State, County, & Town Sources 3rd ed. edited by Alice Eichholz



This revised third edition provides updated county and town listings within the same overall state-by-state organization. *Red Book* has information on records and holdings for every county in the United States, as well as excellent maps. This reference easily directs you to information-rich resources including vital records, census, land, probate, church, military, and much more.

## Census Research

Federal Population Censuses, 1790-1890, 1900, 1919, 1920, & 1930 by NARA



A series of 6 pamphlets which explains how to use and access the NARA microfilms for each census. They provide background for internet searches.

Finding Answers in U.S. Census Records by Loretto Dennis Szucs & Matthew Wright



Finding Answers in U.S. Census Records is a comprehensive guide to understanding and using U.S. Census records, in particular those of the federal census. Aimed at the general family history audience, this book is especially useful for the beginning to intermediate researcher. Along with a description of the history and structure of the federal census there is a guide to each decennial census to help you examine all of the extensive data contained on these most valuble records. In addition, you will find

three appendixes offering a description of major census data providers, major state and national archives with census collections, and specially designed census extraction forms. This book also includes a complete index.

### State Census Records by Ann Lainhart



An excellent and reliable resource. She provides detailed listings of all state and territorial census records that were taken, what is still available, the format in which the records are stored, and where to locate them.

## Naturalization Research

They Became Americans: finding naturalization records by Loretto Dennis Szucs



One of the most significant works of the decade *They Became Americans* provides an accurate, readable, and interesting historical framework for the citizenship process. It suggests ways of finding naturalization records and discusses the weaknesses and strengths of the different types of records. If naturalization records are not to be found, *They Became Americans* points to a variety of alternative sources for finding immigrant origins.

American Naturalization Records 1790-1990 by John J. Newman



American Naturalization Records, 1790-1990, helps you overcome the complexities of the naturalization process. This book provides you with a thorough understanding of what naturalization records are and how to use them in your research.

#### Guide to Naturalization Records of the United States by Christina K. Shaefer



This book arranges all repositories of naturalization records by state, county, and city. Systematically organized by type of records held, dates of coverage, locations of original and microfilm records in their holdings, these repositories can be methodically accessed by even the most novice of genealogists. The "Guide To Naturalization Records Of The United States" also pinpoint federal court records in all National Archives facilities and identifies all information that is available on microfilm either through the National Archives or through the Family History Library System. Also included are records available on microfilm through other facilities as well.

## **Immigration Research**

Immigrant and Passenger Arrivals: A Select Catalog of National Archives Microfilm Publications by National Archives Trust Fund Board



Reel by reel list of microfilm indexes and passenger lists by port available at National Archives. Can be used to orient the researcher and as a background for internet searches.

### They Came in Ships 3rd ed by John P. Colletta



Chances are, if you're American, you've got immigrant ancestors. For over 400 years, from the 1500s-1900s, millions of people immigrated to the United States. And nearly all of them came by ship, leaving behind valuable clues for you to discover. *They Came in Ships* is the first comprehensive manual to navigate the vast landscape of these ship records. You'll learn where and how to begin your search for your ancestors.

### American Passenger Arrival Records by Michael Tepper



This work examines the records in their historical and legal framework, and it explains what they contain, where they can be found, and how they can be used. In effect, it is a road map through the mass of records and archival resources documenting immigrant arrivals from the time of the earliest settlements to the passage of the Quota Acts three centuries later. This new edition features expanded coverage of colonial emigration records, finding aids and reference materials, National Archives microfilm programs and publications, current projects and new developments in immigration research.

# Migration from the Russian Empire: Lists of Passengers Arriving at the Port of New York by Ira Glazier ed.



A six-volume index of Russian immigrants arriving at the Port of New York from January 1875-June 1891. Information extracted from original ships' passenger lists. Name, age, sex, occupation, country of origin, place of residence and destination included for each person. Compiled from original customs passenger lists & immigration passenger lists held by the Temple-Balch Center for Immigration Research.

#### Ships of Our Ancestors by Michael Anuta



This book is a collection of photographs of the ships on which immigrants crossed the oceans to the United States from the mid-1800s to the mid-1900s. Each photo includes the name of the vessel along with the year of its construction and the line to which it belonged.

## American Passage - The History of Ellis Island by Vincent Cannato



Using a variety of primary sources, the author describes Ellis Island as a place and as an experience for the approximately 12 million immigrants who passed through it from 1892 to 1924. He follows its reincarnation as a detention center for wartime aliens and as a monument and museum.

## Family Tree Guide to Finding Your Ellis Island Ancestors by Sharon Debartolo Carmack



This book contains tips and strategies for using the popular Ellis Island online database, advice on overcoming searches that come up empty-handed, guidelines for what basic information is required to start a successful search, and an overview of how passenger lists were created and what genealogy clues they contain.

## Shores of Refuge: A hundred years of Jewish emigration by Ronald Sanders



In 1880, the Jews of Central and Eastern Europe made up four-fifths of the world's Jewish population. But Russian pogroms and Nazi persecution triggered a mass exodus, largely to the U.S., Israel and Western Europe. Tracing this enormous shift is the goal of Sanders's massive, harrowing saga. This work is virtually divided into two parts: that dealing with mass emigration, 1881-1923, and that from 1924 to the present.

# Military Research

## Uncle, We Are Ready! Registering America's Men 1917-1918 by John J. Newman



A guide to researching World War I draft registrations including information on the history of the draft, the registration process, registration cards, and genealogical information for registrants including name, dates and places of birth, citizenship status, residence, marital status, race, dependents, previous military service, and a brief physical description.

#### World War II Military Records: A Family Historian's Guide by Debra Johnson Knox



This reference provides strategies for uncovering the details of family members' experiences during the war. Divulged are the keys to discovering personnel and medical records, casualty reports, WWII draft registrations, burial sites, military honors, and unit and ship histories. Information is included on using many different types of resources, including military, state, and federal records; service numbers; national cemeteries; and division reunion associations.

## **United States Research**

## Jewish Quarter of Philadelphia: A History & Guide 1881-1930 by Harry Boonin



This book is a history and guide to the immigrant East European Jewish Quarter of Philadelphia from 1881-1930, written by Harry Boonin. Interspersed photographs give the reader a peek at Yiddish eaters, immigrant banks, synagogues, wedding halls, bathhouses, rabbis, and leaders of the Jewish community.

We Lived There Too: In Their Own Words and Pictures, Pioneer Jews and the Westward Movement of America 1630-1930 by Irving Howe & Kenneth Libo



We lived There Too is a vivid portrayal of the Jewish immigrants who went west to forge new and vibrant communities in every corner of the American Wilderness. Constructed out of a rich treasury of many hitherto unpublished dairies, memories and letters, together with contemporary newspaper articles, photographs and drawings, this real life saga is filled with dramatic reminiscences that display the humor and humanity of the Jewish tradition.

# And Prairie Dogs Weren't Kosher: Jewish Women in the Upper Midwest since 1855 by Linda Mack Schloff



The book uses the voices of four generations of Jewish women who settled in Minnesota, the Dakotas, Iowa, and Wisconsin to show how they transported and transformed their cultural and religious life in a region inhabited by few Jews. As the wives of fur traders and homesteaders, storekeepers and professionals, they were the key link in creating Jewish homes and helping their families fit in--often under harsh conditions.

## Jewish Life in Small Town America by Lee Shai Weissbach



Exploring the history of communities of 100 to 1000 Jews, the book focuses on the years from the midnineteenth century to World War II. Weissbach examines the dynamics of 490 communities across the United States and reveals that smaller Jewish centers were not simply miniature versions of larger communities but were instead alternative kinds of communities in many respects. The book investigates topics ranging from migration patterns to occupational choices, from Jewish education and marriage strategies to congregational organization.

## Genealogical Resources in New York by Estelle Guzik



For each repository the book provides a description of its holdings including new acquisitions, a geographic scope of its collection, the time span covered and finding aids. New features include maps to assist researchers in coordinating visits to facilities within a particular area, e-mail and Internet addresses, fax and telephone numbers. Included are 32 government agencies and courts, 27 archives, 33 libraries (10 facilities with both archives and libraries) and 12 new facilities.

## World of Our Fathers by Irving Howe



World Of Our Fathers: The Journey Of The East European Jews To The Life They Found And Made (1920-1993) is the inspirational history of the Eastern European Jewish migration from when and why it began in the 1880's to the situational struggle so many new immigrants found when they arrived on the streets of New York.

# Sephardic Research

### Sephardic Genealogy, 2nd ed. by Jeffrey Malka



Sephardic Genealogy is an extensively researched genealogical tool. This book will guide you step-bystep in researching your Jewish ancestors with its exhaustive bibliography, directory of archives, lists of Sephardic family names and web sites. Until this was published, there were no books for the Sephardic family genealogist.

## Eastern Europe Research

## Shtetl Finder by Chester Cohen



Its full title is "Shtetl Finder Gazetteer: Jewish Communities in the 19th and Early 20th Centuries in the Pale of Settlement of Russia and Poland, and in Lithuania, Latvia, Galicia, and Bukovina, with Names of Residents" 145 pages. It contains entries for 1,200 towns,

### Where Once We Walked-Revised Edition by Gary Mokatoff & Sally Ann Sack



A gazetteer of over 23,500 Central and Eastern European localities, with 35,000 alternate town names, arranged alphabetically and phonetically, with Jewish population figures and other references for each locality. Identifies more than 23,500 towns in Central and Eastern Europe where Jews lived before the Holocaust. The index includes 17,500 alternate names including Yiddish, pre-Word War I, interwar, and post-world War II names. Gives latitude/longitude, Jewish population before the Holocaust, and cites as many as 50 books that reference the town. A soundex index allows locating the town when you only know how to pronounce the name.

### Historical Atlas of Central Europe by Paul Robert Magocsi



A mostly chronological approach to the region, providing histories of the various areas, as well as maps that show not just political boundaries but also population and population movements, canal and railroad construction, industrial growth, linguistic distributions, and cultural and educational institutions, among other factors. An effective use of color makes for maps that are easy to read and interpret.

#### The Encyclopedia of Jewish Life Before and During the Holocaust by Samuel Spector ed.



These three volumes are a translation and abridgment of the 30-volume Encyclopedia of Jewish Communities published in Hebrew by Yad Vashem. Over 6000 communities are profiled. Each community is listed alphabetically in bold face by historical name, with current name, district, country at the time, and current location (e.g., Poland, today Belarus) also given as appropriate. A historical survey follows, dating from the first recorded appearance of a Jewish community to its ultimate destruction during the Holocaust.

#### History of the Jews in Russia and Poland by Simon M. Dubnow



One of the great histories of the Jews of Eastern Europe; it was published in 1918. Dubnow is considered to be one of the greatest Jewish historians of the 20th century. It details the history of the Jews of Eastern Europe from their earliest presence in Greek times to about 1910. Discussed are the Khazars, the Crusades, the rise of Polish Jewry under the early kings of Poland, the Cossack rebellion of 1648, the rise of Hasidism, the false Messiahs, the creation of the Pale of Settlement, and Jewish life under the laws created by the czars, and the pogroms of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

## There Once Was a World: A 900-Year Chronicle of the Shtetl of Eishyshok by Yaffe Eliach



Equal parts history and memoir, the book focuses on the rich lives built by the Jews in the community, which, depending on the year, was under Polish, Lithuanian, Russian or German control. After detailing the central role that the synagogue and religion played in shtetl life, Eliach uses oral history, written documents, and numerous photos to describe how Eishsyhok's Jews went about their daily affairs.

## Lithuania & Baltic States

## A Guide to Jewish Genealogy in Lithuania by Sam Aaron



The Guide explains how to identify your ancestral shtetl (the small town in which Jews were obliged to live), how to start off your research, and eventually find information on your ancestors. Included are also suggestions as to where you can look for clues to your ancestors in UK, USA, Israeli and South African records. A practical guide that will tell you what types of records there were, which have survived for each of the three provinces that Lithuania was divided into, how to access them, and what information you can expect to find.

## Preserving our Litvak Heritage 2 vol. by Josef Rosin



Provides an expanded history of 52 Jewish communities in Lithuania.

## Lithuanian Jewish Communities by Nancy & Stuart Schoenburg



This volume lists, in alphabetical order, the major Jewish communities that existed in Lithuania before World War II. The name of each community is accompanied by information about it: when it was founded, the Jewish population in different years, shops and synagogues, and the names of citizens. An appendix locates each town on a map of Lithuania.

## A Guide to Jewish Genealogy in Latvia & Estonia by Arlene Beare



Subjects include a brief history of Latvia, information on archival research inside and outside Latvia, conscription, emigration, the Holocaust in Latvia including Rumbula memorial, cemeteries, museums and libraries. The internet section has been updated with useful URLs and details of databases on the net.

# Galicia & Hungary

### Genealogical Gazetteer of the Kingdom of Hungary compiled by Jordan Auslander



Information about more than 12,000 towns within the 19th century borders of the Kingdom of Hungary that today comprise regions of Austria, Croatia, Hungary, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Slovak Republic and Ukraine. For each community, information is provided for the population by religion Towns can be searched alphabetically by their current name, former name or alternate name(s).

#### The Galitzianers: The Jews of Galicia, 1772-1918 by Suzan Wynne



Information about the geopolitics of the region, highlights of key events and the overall context for the way Jewish Galitzianers lived their lives. The rest of the book offers state-of-the-art strategies and resources for conducting successful genealogical research about individual families.

## Poland

## Jewish Roots in Poland: pages from the past and archival inventories by Miriam Weiner



An authoritative guide to what records still exist and where they can be found. A town-by-town index to archives shows, for example, that in Lublin tax rolls go back to 1716 and Jewish community records to 1775. But there is far more than archival listings. There are hundreds of poignant photographs and old tinted postcards of scenes from the early years of the century.

## Russia

Jewish Roots in Ukraine and Moldova: pages from the past and archival inventories by Miriam Weiner



Contains a precise inventories of the vast Jewish materials in the archives of Ukraine and Moldova, presented with the full cooperation and blessings of Ukrainian and Moldovan archivists The chapters on towns and cities highlight 189 places in Ukraine and Moldova. Also includes 1,200 photographs, maps, and document examples, including many rare antique postcards.

## Name Research

A Dictionary of Ashkenazic Given Names Their Origins, Structure, Pronunciations, and Migrations by Alexander Beider



This 728-page book identifies more than 15,000 given names derived from just 735 root names. Each root name includes a detailed description of the origin (etymology) of the name, a list of the variant and derivative names displayed in a scheme that reveals how the variants evolved, An index to the 15,000 variations guides you to the proper root name.

#### A Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from the Kingdom of Poland by Alexander Beider



A compilation of more than 32,000 Jewish surnames with origins in that part of the Russian Empire known as the "Kingdom of Poland." The book provides information on (1) where within the Kingdom of Poland the name was prevalent at the turn of the 20th century, (2) all likely etymologies of the name, and (3) spelling variants and derivatives of the name. A soundex index makes it simpler to locate a given surname with its proper Polish spelling. The introductory portion of the book describes the origins and evolution of Polish-Jewish surnames.

## A Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from Galicia by Alexander Beider



This book provides information about some 25,000 different surnames used by Jews in Galicia. For each name, the author describes the districts within Galicia where the surname appeared, the origin of the meaning of the name (etymology), and the variants found. The introductory portion of the book follows Dr. Beider's scholarly style in analyzing the origin and evolution of Jewish surnames from that region.

## A Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from the Russian Empire, Rev Ed by Alexander Beider



This book includes the etymology (origin) of nearly all of the 74,000 surnames, in which districts in Czarist Russia the surname was found (expanded based on additional research), a list of all other surnames derived from the root name and, a 200-page introductory portion that is the definitive work on the origin and evolution of Jewish surnames in Eastern Europe.

### A Dictionary of German-Jewish Surnames by Lars Menk



This book identifies more than 13,000 German-Jewish surnames from the area that was pre-World War I Germany; from Baden-Wuerttemburg in the south to Schleswig-Holstein in the north and from Westfalen in the west to East Prussia in the east. In addition to providing the etymology and variants of each name, it identifies where in the region the name appeared, identifying the town and time period.

### Russian-Jewish Given Names: Their Origins and Variants by Boris Feldblyum



Based on a book published in Russia in 1911, this work presents to the English-speaking reader a comprehensive collection of Jewish given names used in Russia at the turn of the 20th century--more than 6,000 names in all. These names are also included in a dictionary of root names which shows its etymology as well as all variants of the names identifying them as kinnui (everyday names), variants or distortions.

### Jewish Personal Names by Rabbi Shmuel Gorr



This book shows the roots of more than 1,200 Jewish personal names. It shows all Yiddish/Hebrew variants of a root name with English transliteration. Hebrew variants show the exact spelling including vowels. Footnotes explain how these variants were derived. An index of all variants allows you to easily locate the name in the body of book. Also presented are family names originating from personal names.

## **Translation Guides**

# A Translation Guide to 19th-century Polish-language Civil-registration Documents, 2nd Ed. by Judith Franzin



A step-by-step guide, which teaches researchers how to divide each document into a series of "minidocuments" so as to make easier the task of understanding what each document says; 7 sample documents with important words and the information which follows these words highlighted; and 15 topical vocabulary lists, such as Age, Family and Occupations, which are composed of words that actually occur in 19th-century documents.

### In Their Words: A Genealogists Translation Guide -- Polish by Jonathan Shea and William F. Hoffman



This provides an in-depth discussion of translating Polish documents only. More than 60 Polish language document are discussed, analyzed and translated. There are also sections on Polish grammar, phonetics, and spelling. Especially important is a 60-page vocabulary list of terms most likely to be found in records.

*In Their Words: A Genealogists Translation Guide - Russian* by Jonathan Shea and William F. Hoffman



This book provides an in-depth discussion of translating Russian documents only. More than 80 Russian language document are discussed, analyzed and translated. There are also sections on Russian grammar, phonetics, and spelling. Especially important is a 77-page vocabulary list of terms most likely to be found in records.

Following the Paper Trail: a multilingual translation guide by Jonathan Shea and William F. Hoffman



A guide to translating vital statistic records in 13 languages: Czech, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Latin, Lithuanian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Spanish and Swedish. Each section shows the alphabet of the language, sample vital statistic records and their translation, and a list of words commonly encountered.

# Cemetery Research

## Field Guide to Visiting a Jewish Cemetery by Joshua L Segal



A good book on understanding the ways of Jewish cemeteries and how to interpret the Hebrew inscriptions on tombstones. material presented in the book is simple enough that it can be understood by those with the most minimal exposure to Hebrew. Yet it is comprehensive enough to be a valuable resource to the most sophisticated Jewish readers. It has a dictionary of Hebrew words found on tombstones but also includes common expressions that appear. The carving of a tombstone can be expensive and sometimes Hebrew expressions are represented in abbreviated form. An appendix shows commonly used abbreviations.

### A Practical Guide to Jewish Cemeteries by Nolan Menachemson



A book providing historic, legal, traditional and mystical information in easy-to-understand format. Information is sourced from Jewish theological schools of learning, site visits and experts from seven countries in forensics, genealogy and monument preservation. The text is illustrated with 107 photographs and diagrams.

The Graveyard Shift: A Family Historian's Guide to New York City Cemeteries by Carolee Inskeep



This book documents the changing landscape of New York City cemeteries, telling the story behind each decision to move, as well as providing the new names and locations of each burial ground. The book, with its complete index, is an invaluable tool for anyone researching New York City ancestors.

### The Old Jewish Cemeteries of Newark by Alice Perkins Gould



This book traces the establishment of the Newark area cemeteries from the middle of the nineteenth century to the end of the twentieth century. The book is unique in that it traces the history of the Jews using cemetery records, obituaries, and the memories of their descendants. Included in the book are copies of old documents and pictures.

## Citing Sources

## Evidence Explained by Elizabeth Shown Mills



The definitive guide to the citation and analysis of historical sources. Covers all contemporary and electronic sources not discussed in traditional style manuals, including digital, audio, and video sources Explains citation principals and includes more than 1,000 citation models for virtually every source type Shows readers where to go to find their sources and how to describe them and evaluate them Teaches readers to separate facts from assertions and theory from proof in the evaluation of evidence.

#### OuickSheet Citing Ancestry.com Databases & Images Evidence! Style by Elizabeth Shown Mills



A four-page, folded, 8.5 by 11, laminated, and lightweight guide For most Ancestry.com sources, sample citations are shown here in three styles: Source List Entry, Full Reference Note, and Short Reference Note, each showing you how to deal with author/creator, title, website, URL, date accessed, item type, source of sources, and so forth. Arranged in tabular format under each of these headings, the sample citations are easy to follow and can be applied to your specific needs in citing your sources.

#### QuickSheet Citing Online Historical Resources Evidence! Style by Elizabeth Shown Mills



Published in the form of a laminated folder, the QuickSheet contains a series of sample citations showing the correct way to identify online sources such as databases, census images, and digital books and articles.

### Cite Your Sources by Richard S. Lackey



A how-to guidebook for those wishing to document their genealogical research in academically acceptable form. Uncomplicated directions and clear examples from Bibles, wills, letters, interviews, public records, etc.

### Family History Documentation Guidelines by Silicon Valley PAF Users Group



This handy primer shows you how to cite sources such as books, records and Web sites. It's designed especially for users of Personal Ancestral File, but you'll find it useful no matter what genealogy software you use.

## Misc

## A Historical Atlas of the Jewish People edited by Eli Barnavi



Covering three millennia of Jewish history and culture through a combination of concise text, accurate and well-drawn maps, and a sumptuous array of photographs, diagrams, and reproductions of paintings, this atlas succeeds in covering all the main themes of the Jewish experience. The material is arranged chronologically and systematically, and a glossary and index are included. The result is a reference that will profit both scholars and lay readers.