



Finding Living Relatives

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Advantages of Finding Living Relatives

- Connecting with lost family members
- Filling in missing information in your family tree
- Sharing family stories and photos
- Opening up new lines to research



Places That I've Found Living Relatives

- States throughout the US
- England
- South Africa
- Australia
- New Zealand
- Israel
- Slovakia





Types of Online Resources

- Public Records Lookups
- Newspapers/Obituary Records
- Online Phone and Address Books
- Social Networking Sites
- Google Searches
- JewishGen – Family Finder and SIG Lists & Archives



Public Records Lookups

- **Ancestry.com**
 - Schools, Directories, & Church Histories

- **Background Check Websites**
 - Intelius.com
 - Veromi.com

- **MyLife.com**
 - Be careful of this site. DO NOT sign up for anything!

- **Steve Morse's Site**
 - Birthdays Database



Newspapers & Obituaries

- ProQuest Obituary Search
 - Free With A Pinellas County Library Card
 - Searches: Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, Washington DC
- Ancestry.com
 - Historical Newspapers
- Various Newspaper Websites
 - Even Small Town Newspapers
- Overseas Newspaper Archive Sites
 - Australia – Trove
 - England – British Newspaper Archive
 - New Zealand – Papers Past



Online Phone & Address Books

- **WhitePages.com**
 - US States, Canada, Other English-Speaking Countries
- **192.com**
 - Phone & Address Lookups in England
- **Other Countries**
 - Google – “Country Name” & “Phone Books”
- **Ancestry.com**
 - Historical Telephone & Address Directories



Social Networking Sites

- Facebook.com
 - Don't Be Afraid!
 - Search For People
 - Cross Reference Their Friends Names
 - Look For Common Relatives
- LinkedIn
 - Facebook For Business Listings
 - Look For Company & City Information
- Ancestry.com – Message Boards
 - Usernames May Be Used Other Places Like Facebook & Twitter
 - Google Search By Username



Google Searches

- Use The “Site Search” Feature
- Husbands & Wife Name Search
- Last Name & Town Search
- Use Google In Other Countries
 - Google.co.uk – UK
 - Google.co.za – South Africa
 - Google.co.nz – New Zealand
 - Then View Only Pages From That Region



JewishGen

- Family Finder
 - Search For Name Variants
 - Search Nearby Towns
 - Contact Fellow Searchers
- SIG List & Archives
 - Search Archives For Family Names & Towns
 - Post Questions To the SIG



Final Thoughts

- Always Cross-Reference Information
- Don't Get Overwhelmed
- Don't Be Afraid To Contact Potential Family
- Enjoy The Hunt!