

Web Resources: US and General Purpose

JewishGen (<http://www.JewishGen.org>) — free site (registration required for most services, donation for detailed search functions); contains forty (at last count) searchable databases, multi-million-record European holdings, including Jewish Records Indexing-Poland; links to other genealogical sites (e.g. Jewish Online Worldwide Burial Registry, see below), database of other researchers based on country/town

FamilySearch (<http://www.familysearch.org>) — free site (some services will charge a fee); official genealogical site of the Church of Latter-Day Saints; searchable database of microfilmed images of vital records from around the world, including those referenced by JRI-Poland/JewishGen and other sources

Ancestry (<http://www.ancestry.com>) — paid subscription required; DNA testing and matching (additional fee for test); wide variety of US and foreign sources (availability depending on type of subscription); local library may have subscription for local use. Note that Chicopee library computer center has access to locked image scans — check for days and hours of availability

Avotaynu (<http://www.avotaynu.com>) — quarterly magazine of Jewish genealogy, published in New Haven, CT

Central Archives for the History of the Jewish People (<http://www.cahjp.nli.org.il>) — home page for CAHJP; subpages contain historical and genealogical data

One-Step Webpages by Stephen P. Morse (<https://stevemorse.org>) — wide variety of searchable databases for genealogical research, using propriety search engines developed by Dr. Morse; numerous research and background aids; very useful for finding immigration, birth/marriage/death and census data, often collated from other sites (many of which are mentioned in this resource list) with a simpler and more user-friendly front end

Roots to Roots Foundation (<http://www.rtrfoundation.org>) — founded by Miriam Weiner, who has been instrumental in opening up Eastern European archives and establishing a data base of genealogical information; RTR's Polish database is now part of the JRI-Poland collection in JewishGen; Ms. Weiner is the author of two comprehensive books: *Jewish Roots in Poland* and *Jewish Roots in Ukraine and Moldova*

The Statue of Liberty - Ellis Island Foundation (<http://www.libertyellisfoundation.org>) — registration required; searchable database of passenger arrivals (also see stevemorse.org for ship manifest searching options)

Jewish Online Worldwide Burial Registry (JOWBR) (<http://www.jewishgen.org/>)

databases/Cemetery/) — burial records from Jewish cemeteries around the world

YIVO Encyclopedia of Jews in Eastern Europe (<http://www.yivoencyclopedia.org>) — information sites on the history of Jewish settlement in Europe

Searchable Death Indexes and Records (<http://www.deathindexes.com>) — a collection of links to death indices in 50 states, District of Columbia and several major cities. Can be of limited use in place of an Ancestry.com subscription

BillionGraves (<http://www.billiongraves.com>) — burial site search engine, occasionally has photos of headstones

FindAGrave (<http://www.findagrave.com>) — burial site search engine, occasionally has photos of headstones

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) Survivors and Victims Databases (http://www.ushmm.org/online/hsv/source_view.php?SourceId=37600) — specific page within the much larger USHMM website; searchable index of death records for the Łódź Ghetto; record images can be requested using an online form

Yad Vashem - World Holocaust Remembrance Center (<http://www.yadvashem.org>) — vast archives and research holdings on the Holocaust; includes searchable database of Shoah victims

International Tracing Service (<http://www.its-arolsen.org/en>) — ITS was established after World War II to house documents relating to Nazi atrocities throughout Europe; online search is not available, but site has facility to request permission to conduct on-site research in Germany

Tsal Kaplun Foundation Archives of Jewish Records (http://www.tkfggen.org/inventory_archives.html) — page within larger TKFGEN site listing indices from other sites (some foreign language)

Cyndi's List (<http://www.cyndislist.com>) — a list of genealogical web sites and other resources, not religion-specific