
- Some libraries may have the earlier ed. All of Beider's works are important reference works for serious genealogists.


- Unlike the other early books on Jewish genealogy, this one is out of print.


- This book and the one by Rottenberg, below, documents the author's personal approach to his genealogical search, and the information they contain is readily available elsewhere. They are not so much guidebooks as inspirations.


- The biggest problem people have with tombstones is deciphering the dates. Although both this book and the one below by Joshua Segal explain this, it is also helpful to show people a good online date converter, such as http://www.hebcal.com.


- This simple but thorough work will answer most of the questions of beginners and is helpful to those who are further along as well. It is so inexpensive that a library should have several copies, because some will probably disappear. It has been updated frequently, so old editions should be replaced whenever needed.

Mokotoff, Gary, Sallyann Amdur Sack, and Alexander Sharon. *Where once we walked*: a

• This book is the *de facto* print gazetteer of the small towns of the Pale of Settlement. One roadblock for many Jewish genealogists is identifying their ancestral *shtetl*, so this work is critical to have.


• The Routes to Roots Foundation, directed by Miriam Weiner, published the two archival guides below. Critical information from both guides, including descriptions of the archival histories of the countries, written by the archivists themselves, is now online at the foundation website: [http://www.rtrfoundation.org/index.html](http://www.rtrfoundation.org/index.html), which has been updated in the 21st century. It’s important for patrons to understand that the databases on this site are inventories of which archives are available, where they are, and how to access them. The actual contents of the archives are not digitized. Finding the correct Eastern European archive is a very small first step in the process of finding genealogical information.
