

Beider, Alexander. *A dictionary of Jewish surnames from the Russian Empire*. Rev. ed. Bergenfield, NJ: Avotaynu, 2008.

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

———. *A dictionary of Jewish surnames from the Kingdom of Poland*. Teaneck, NJ: Avotaynu, 1996.

———. *A dictionary of Ashkenazic given names: their origins, structure, pronunciation, and migrations*. Bergenfield, N.J.: Avotaynu, Inc., 2001.

———. *A dictionary of Jewish surnames from Galicia*. Bergenfield, NJ: Avotaynu, 2004.

Krasner-Khait, Barbara. *Discovering your Jewish ancestors*. North Salt Lake: Heritage Quest, 2001.

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

Kurzweil, Arthur. *From generation to generation: how to trace your Jewish genealogy and family history*. 1st ed. San Francisco, Calif.: Jossey-Bass, a Wiley Imprint, 2004.

- 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.

Malka, Jeffrey S. *Sephardic genealogy: discovering your Sephardic ancestors and their world*. 2nd ed. Bergenfield, NJ: Avotaynu, 2009.

Menachemson, Nolan. *A practical guide to Jewish cemeteries*. Bergenfield, NJ: Avotaynu, 2007.

- 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>.

Mokotoff, Gary, and Warren Blatt. *Getting started in Jewish genealogy*. New Haven, CT: Avotaynu, 2016.

- 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*

guide to the Jewish communities destroyed in the Holocaust. Rev. ed. Bergenfield, NJ: Avotaynu, 2002.

- 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.

Rottenberg, Dan. *Finding our fathers : a guidebook to Jewish genealogy*. Baltimore: Genealogical Pub. Co., 1998.

Sack, Sallyann Amdur, and Gary Mokotoff. *Avotaynu guide to Jewish genealogy*. Bergenfield, NJ.: Avotaynu, 2004.

Segal, Joshua L. *A field guide to visiting a Jewish cemetery: a spiritual journey to the past, present and future*. Nashua, NH: Jewish Cemetery Publishing, 2005.

- 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.rtfoundation.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.

Weiner, Miriam, and Poland. Naczelna Dyrekcja Archiwów Państwowych. *Jewish roots in Poland: pages from the past and archival inventories*. Secaucus, NJ: Miriam Weiner Routes to Roots Foundation, 1997.

Weiner, Miriam, Ukraïnskyi derzhavnyi arkhiv., and Arhiva Nationala a Republicii Moldovei. *Jewish roots in Ukraine and Moldova: pages from the past and archival inventories. The Jewish genealogy series*. Secaucus, NJ: Miriam Weiner Routes to Roots Foundation, 1999.