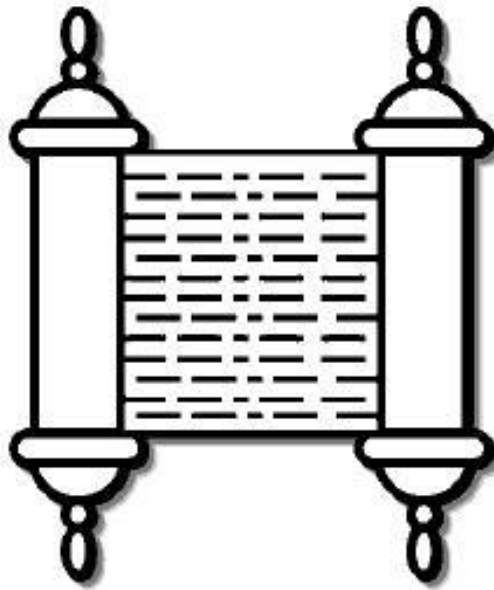


JEWISH GENEALOGY: SELECTED SOURCES IN THE GROSVENOR ROOM



KEY

*	= Oversized book
Buffalo	= In Buffalo Collection in Grosvenor Room
GRO	= In Grosvenor Room
Ref.	= Reference book, cannot be borrowed
Stacks	= Closed Stacks, ask for retrieval
WNYGS	= In collection of Western NY Genealogical Society

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INTRODUCTION

This guide is designed to assist persons researching Jewish genealogy in the Grosvenor Room of the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library. Genealogical handbooks, guides, manuals, indexes to record compilations, atlases, maps, gazetteers, surname directories, passenger lists, newspapers, and church records serve numerous purposes and can prove to be invaluable resources to all researchers, regardless of their level of expertise. Most of the materials listed here deal exclusively with Jewish genealogical research.

Nearly everything listed here can be found in the Grosvenor Room (GRO). Material in the Grosvenor Room does not circulate and cannot be removed from the room. In a few cases, there are duplicate copies of these books that can be borrowed from the Central Library non-fiction section or the Closed Stacks.

Books are listed in call number order. Shelf locations are always subject to change.

GENERAL HOW-TO GUIDES

GRO Ref. CS21 .G85 2004
Sack, Sallyann Amdur, ed.
Avotaynu Encyclopedia of Jewish Genealogy
Bergenfield, NJ: Avotaynu, ©2004

GRO Ref. CS21 .M65 2013
Mokotoff, Gary
Getting Started in Jewish Genealogy, 2013 edition
Bergenfield, NJ: Avotaynu, ©2013

GRO Ref. CS66 .J4 M35 2009 Malka, Jeffrey S. Sephardic Genealogy: Discovering Your Sephardic Ancestors and Their World Bergenfield, NJ: Avotaynu, ©2009
GRO Ref. *CS31 .Z83 1996 Zubatsky, David S. Sourcebook for Jewish Genealogies and Family Histories Teaneck, NJ: Avotaynu, 1996
GRO Ref. CS863 .K76 1997 Kronik, Aleksander Some Archival Sources for Ukrainian-Jewish Genealogy Teaneck, NJ: Avotaynu, Inc., ©1997
GRO Ref. *CS878 .G35 W96 1998 Wynne, Suzan F. Finding Your Jewish Roots in Galicia: A Resource Guide Teaneck, NJ: Avotaynu, ©1998
GRO Ref. DS135 .P6 W37 1997 Weiner, Miriam Jewish Roots in Poland: Pages from the Past and Archival Inventories Secaucus, NJ: Miriam Weiner Routes to Roots Foundation, ©1997
GRO Ref. *F128.9 .J5 N47 1999 New York State Archives Jewish History Resources in New York State [Albany, NY]: The Archives, 2000, [1999] <i>Online in full text through the NYPL catalog (use the link for electronic version)</i>
GRO Ref. *Z5313 .U6 N523 2003 Guzik, Estelle, ed. Genealogical Resources in New York New York: Jewish Genealogical Society, ©2003
GRO Ref. Z6373 .G3 E55 1998 Ellmann-Kruger, Angelika G. Library Resources for German-Jewish Genealogy Teaneck, NJ: Avotaynu, 1998
GRO Ref. Z6374 .B5 S23 1995 Sack, Sallyann Amdur A Guide to Jewish Genealogical Research in Israel , rev. ed. Teaneck, NJ: Avotaynu, Inc., 1995

DATABASES		
http://dbaz.buffalolib.org/dbaz.php#Genealogy		
Name	Description	Access
Ancestry Library Edition	Provides access to more than 1 billion names. Includes census records, immigration, vital, military, court, church and other records. Search the card catalog [Search menu] using the Title field for the words Jews or Jewish or Holocaust to see lists of Jewish databases.	Available for walk-in users at every public library in Erie County. No at-home use.

DATABASES		
HeritageQuest Online	Contains U.S. federal census records from 1790-1940, family genealogies, local histories, city directories, Revolutionary War pension files, and the Social Security Death Index.	Available for walk-in users at every public library in Erie County. Also available from home with a valid Buffalo and Erie County Public Library card. Sign in at address above.

DIRECTORIES	NOTES
Stacks DS125.3 .A2 W5 Who's Who in World Jewry New York: Pitman Pub. Corp.	We have 1955, 1965, 1987
GRO E184 .J5 W6 Simons, John, ed. Who's Who in American Jewry New York: Jewish Biographical Bureau	We have 1926 and 1938-1939. The 1938-1939 edition has a geographic index. See p. XXX for a list of prominent Jews in Buffalo.

HOLOCAUST SOURCES
GRO *D804.3. B4619 2000, 4 vols. Benjamin and Vladka Meed Registry of Jewish Holocaust Survivors 2000 [Washington, DC]: United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in cooperation with the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, 2000
GRO Ref. D804.3 .M65 1995 Mokotoff, Gary How to Document Victims and Locate Survivors of the Holocaust Teaneck, NJ: Avotaynu, ©1995
GRO Ref. *DS135 .E83 M65 2002 Mokotoff, Gary Where Once We Walked: A Guide to the Jewish Communities Destroyed in the Holocaust , rev. ed. Bergenfield, NJ: Avotaynu, ©2002
GRO Ref. HA1234 1939 .E3 1996 Edlund, Thomas Kent The German Minority Census of 1939: An Introduction and Register Teaneck, NJ: Avotaynu, ©1996

IMMIGRANTS AND PASSENGER LISTS
GRO Ref. Index Table *E184 .J5 M667 1996 Moser, Geraldine Hamburg Passengers from the Kingdom of Poland and the Russian Empire: Indirect Passage to New York, 1855-June, 1873 Washington, DC: Landsmen Press, ©1996
WNYGS 943.1 ger Glazier, Ira A., ed. Germans to America: Lists of Passengers Arriving at U.S. Ports Wilmington, DA: Scholarly Resources, Inc., ©1988- <i>Multiple vols. covering 1840-1897</i>

IMMIGRANTS AND PASSENGER LISTS

WNYGS 947 gla
Glazier, Ira A., ed.
Migration from the Russian Empire
[Baltimore, MD]: Genealogical Pub. Co. Inc., ©1995-
Multiple vols. covering 1875-1891

JEWISH HISTORY IN THE BUFFALO AREA

GRO Buffalo BM225 .B8 B8
Garfinkel, Marvin H., ed.
Temple Beth El's First Century; Centennial Souvenir Book, 1847-1947
Buffalo, NY: [The Temple], 1947

GRO Buffalo BM225 .B8 B813
Temple Beth Zion (Buffalo, N.Y.)
Artist's Conception of Our New Religious School Building
Buffalo, NY: [The Temple], 1968?

GRO Buffalo BM225 .B8 B815
Temple Beth Zion (Buffalo, N.Y.)
Service[s] of Dedication
Buffalo, NY: [The Temple], 1967

GRO Buffalo BM225 .B8 B82
Temple Beth Zion, Dedicated April 19-23, 1967
Buffalo, NY: [The Temple], 1967

GRO Buffalo BM657 .A1 T46 1985
Cohen Beverly R., ed.
The Cofeld Judaic Museum of Temple Beth Zion: An Illustrated Catalog of the Collection
Buffalo, NY: Temple Beth Zion, ©1985

GRO Buffalo BM755 .F5 B8
Temple Beth Zion (Buffalo, N.Y.)
In Honor of Joseph L. Fink, on his 25th Anniversary as Rabbi of Temple Beth Zion
Buffalo, NY: [The Temple], 1949

GRO Buffalo E29 .J5 J45
Salperstein, Martin
"In the Beginning ... " : Buffalo Jews Share the Trials and Triumphs of the General Community
Toronto, ON: Jewish Standard, 1981

GRO Buffalo E184.J5 N23
National Council of Jewish Women. Buffalo Section: Annual report.
[Buffalo, NY: National Council of Jewish Women. Buffalo Section, 1961-1968.

GRO Buffalo F129 .B8 A3
Adler, Selig
From Ararat to Suburbia: The History of the Jewish Community of Buffalo
Philadelphia, PA: Jewish Publication Society of America, 1960

GRO Buffalo F129 .B8 F28 1910
Year Book of the Federated Jewish Charities of Buffalo
[Buffalo, NY: Federated Jewish Charities of Buffalo, 1910?]

JEWISH HISTORY IN THE BUFFALO AREA

GRO Buffalo *F129 .B8 G7

Greene, William

An Examination of Certain Aspects of Leadership in the Buffalo Jewish Community

Thesis (M.A.)--University of Buffalo, 1950

GRO Buffalo F129 .B8 K689 2013

Kotzin, Chana Revell

Jewish community of Greater Buffalo

Charleston, S.C.: Arcadia Pub., c2013.

GRO Buffalo F129 .B819 S4 1988

Shalom Buffalo: A Guide to Jewish Buffalo

Buffalo, NY: Shalom Buffalo, [198-?]

GRO Buffalo *HV99 .B86 J4 A8

Arywitz, Annette Fox

A Short History of the Jewish Community Service Society of Buffalo

[Buffalo, NY: School of Social Work, University of Buffalo] 1948

GRO Buffalo *LC771 .B9 G9

Gitin, Louis Leonard

The Development of a Reform Jewish Religious School, Buffalo, N.Y., 1864-1953

Thesis (M.A.)--University of Buffalo, 1954

GRO Buffalo *SK601 .G9

Gurvitz, Leonard A.

A Study of the Pioneer Unit of Camp Centerland: A Day Camp Program with Emphasis on Outdoor Activity

Buffalo, NY: Thesis (M.S.)--University of Buffalo, 1951

GRO Buffalo TX724 .B8

Measure for Pleasure

Buffalo, NY: Sisterhood of Temple Beth Zion, 1958

LOCAL HISTORY FILE

This is a card index of newspaper and periodical articles about people, places, and things in the Buffalo area. In addition to looking up your family surnames, try these headings:

Charities. Jewish

Churches. Hebrew

Clubs. Young Men's Hebrew Association

Holocaust Survivors

Jews

MAPS, ATLASES, GAZETTEERS

GRO Ref. *DS135 .E83 M65 2002

Mokotoff, Gary

Where Once We Walked: A Guide to the Jewish Communities Destroyed in the Holocaust, rev. ed.

Bergenfield, NJ: Avotaynu, ©2002

MAPS, ATLASES, GAZETTEERS

GRO Ref. *DS135 .R9 C58 1989

Cohen, Chester G.

Shtetl Finder: 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

Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, 1989

MILITARY RECORDS

GRO D810 .K3, 2 vols.

Kaufman, Isidor

American Jews in World War II: The Story of 550,000 Fighters for Freedom

[New York]: Dial Press [1947]

NOTES

Vol. 2 lists names of Jewish soldiers from all 50 states who lost their lives in WWII.

NAMES AND SURNAMES

The following titles help establish what a name means and how it originated.

GRO Ref. CS59 .S76 1991

Stern, Malcolm H.

First American Jewish Families: 600 Genealogies, 1654-1988, 3rd ed., updated and rev.

Baltimore, MD: Ottenheimer Publishers, ©1991

GRO Ref. CS3010 .B18 2001

Beider, Alexander

A Dictionary of Ashkenazic Given Names: Their Origins, Structure, Pronunciation, and Migrations

Bergenfield, NJ: Avotaynu, Inc., ©2001

GRO Ref. CS3010 .B43 1993

Beider, Alexander

A Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from the Russian Empire

Teaneck, NJ: Avotaynu, Inc., ©1993

GRO Ref. CS3010 .B44 1995

Beider, Alexander

Jewish Surnames in Prague: (15th-18th centuries)

Teaneck, NJ : Avotaynu, Inc., ©1995

GRO Ref. CS3010 .F45 1998

Feldblyum, Boris

Russian-Jewish Given Names

Teaneck, NJ: Avotaynu, ©1998

GRO Ref. CS3010 .G67 1992

Gorr, Shmuel

Jewish Personal Names: Their Origin, Derivation and Diminutive Forms

Teaneck, NJ: Avotaynu, Inc., ©1992

GRO Ref CS3010 .Z9 G353 2004

Beider, Alexander

A Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from Galicia

Bergenfield, NJ: Avotaynu, 2004

NAMES AND SURNAMES

GRO Ref. CS3010 .Z9 G476 2005
 Menk, Lars
A Dictionary of German-Jewish Surnames
 Bergenfield, NJ: Avotaynu, 2005

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS

Call Number/Location	Title	Dates We Have
GRO *DS101 .A87	Avotaynu	1997 to present
Stacks*F129 .B8 J47	Buffalo Jewish Review	1961 to present in hard copy, with some gaps. Recent issues in Non-fiction.

ORGANIZATIONS

Jewish Genealogical Society of Buffalo
<https://www.jewishgen.org/jgs/jgs-buffalo/>
 Contact: JewishGenBuffalo@gmail.com

NOTES

We are an educational society and our mission is to teach others interested in genealogical research how to get started and progress. We provide assistance to our member researchers, both beginning and advanced, to find the right resources to facilitate the search for ancestors. Founded in 1986.

RARE BOOK ROOM

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Items in Rare Book Room may be seen by appointment (call 716-858-8900 to schedule).

RBR BUFFALO PHOTO. F129 .B8 M56 Mintz, Helen Helen Mintz Photograph collection, ca. 1900-1960	Personal and family photographs of Helen Mintz, Buffalo, New York, 1930 B.A. graduate of the University at Buffalo, wife, mother, and local Jewish activist. Includes several unmounted photographs of J.A. Murphy, slack-wire and juggling artist ; a framed portrait photograph of Helen Mintz ; a 1952 third-place team fencing medal from "W.N.Y.-A.F.L.A." in presentation box ; and a dinner program, Dec. 1956, for visiting Israeli foreign minister Golda Meir.
RBR DEWEY COLL. 940.5 140 Chart, Edmund Spis pomordowanych Polaków w obozie koncentracyjnym w Dachau Dachau: Wydawn. "Słowo Polskie", [1946]	List of murdered Poles in the concentration camp in Dachau.
RBR WNYO 1902.M55 Miller Archives, 1902-1963 2 ft. (5 file boxes)	Personal papers, correspondence, and other items belonging to Leon H. Miller (1880-1939) and Ada Holender Miller of Buffalo, New York ; both Millers were strongly active Zionists both before and after the founding of the State of Israel, and Mrs. Miller was founding president of the Buffalo chapter of Hadassah. The archives include correspondence with Justice Louis D. Brandeis, Henrietta Szold, and other Zionists ; materials on Jewish settlement in British Palestine and in Israel ; financial materials advertising State of Israel bonds and Israeli stock offerings ; materials relating to Hadassah and to the Zionist Organization of America ; and family photographs, jewelry, etc.

SCRAPBOOKS

The Buffalo scrapbooks in GRO were compiled roughly from 1900 to 1960 and are comprised largely of local newspaper clippings and ephemera. All are indexed in the *Local History File*.

*BR560 .B85, vols. 1,7,8,10,11,12
Churches in Buffalo and Vicinity

*JV7051 .B8 B8, 2 vols.
Buffalo's Foreign Population

WEBSITES	NOTES
http://robertbachara.com/bazaaptest/ Baza Lista Żydowska	Preserved death cards of the Jewish population from "The Statistical Office of the Reich in Berlin" found in the Holdings of the State Archives in Opole. Includes persons from Western Poland and Germany. WWII era.
http://www.cyndislist.com/jewish.htm Cyndi's List: Jewish	If it is online and has to do with Jewish genealogy, you'll find it at Cyndi's List
https://www.hias.org/records-search-requests Historical Research Request	The society helps individuals find lost family members, searches immigrant arrival cards and has a database of missing persons.
http://www.holocaustcenter.org/ Holocaust Memorial Center, Detroit	Includes oral histories of survivors.
http://www.indeksrepresjonowanych.pl/ Indeks Represjonowanych	Information about Eastern Polish Jews and non-Jews who were deported eastward by Russia during WWII. Often includes name, year, and place of birth.
https://arolsen-archives.org/en/ International Tracing Service	Serves Holocaust victims and their families and offers an archive for research.
http://www.buffaloah.com/h/jews/index.html Jewish-American History in Buffalo	A wide ranging collection of articles about individuals, synagogues, neighborhoods, and events
http://jbuff.com/ Jewish Buffalo on the Web	Links to synagogues, community services, religious organizations, and more
http://www.jewishgen.org/ JewishGen	Includes many databases, some of which are free as well as a list of Jewish special interest groups [Research menu].
https://www.jta.org/archive JTA (Jewish Telegraph Agency)	Search the Jewish News Archive, which covers 1923-2008.
https://web.nli.org.il/sites/jpress/Hebrew/pages/default.aspx National Library of Israel, Historic Jewish Press	Online Jewish newspapers.
http://www.stevemorse.org/ One-Step Webpages	Select the Holocaust and Eastern Europe, Calendar, and Foreign Alphabets links from the menu for useful resources..
https://www.yadvashem.org/collections.html Yad Vesham Digital Resources ("[est. 1953] the world center for documentation, research, education and commemoration of the Holocaust")	Find names and biographies of Holocaust victims, photographs pertaining to Jewish life, a Holocaust related film catalog, a catalog of books pertaining to the Holocaust, and Holocaust victims names lists.

VERTICAL FILE
The Grosvenor Room collects articles, pamphlets, and clippings about local history. Ask for this folder:
<i>Ethnic Groups -- Jews</i>

THE ONLINE CATALOG OF THE BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
https://bepl.ent.sirsi.net/client/en_US/default
Search the online catalog for books, magazines, CDs, videos, maps, and manuscripts owned by the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library. It includes the Grosvenor Room, all departments in the Central Library, and every town and branch library. Access it at the web address above.
To find additional Jewish items in our collection beyond those listed in this guide, try these Subject searches.
HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS NAMES PERSONAL JEWISH JEWS GENEALOGY JEWS NEW YORK STATE BUFFALO JEWS UNITED STATES GENEALOGY

WHERE ELSE CAN I RESEARCH JEWISH HERITAGE?	NOTES
Buffalo History Museum's Research Library 1 Museum Court Buffalo, NY 14216-3199 library@buffalohistory.org 716.873.9644 x 306 http://buffalohistory.org/Learn/Research-Library.aspx	Has the Cohen Bakery & family papers; records of the Jewish War Veterans Frontier Post 25; the <i>Buffalo Jewish Review</i> ; taped interviews with three Russian Jewish immigrants; and more.
University at Buffalo University Archives 420 Capen Hall Buffalo, NY 14260-1674 (716) 645-2916 Fax: (716) 645-3714 lib-archives@buffalo.edu https://library.buffalo.edu/archives/collections/results.html?search=jewish	Jewish Buffalo Archives, local Jewish community records, 1844-1976 (bulk 1920-1960) are available by appointment.