

The first steps in finding your Jewish roots are the same as with any other ethnic group or faith: Start with living generations and work backwards, consult with extended family, and gather civil and public records first. However, European Jewish ancestor researchers have additional roadblocks due to the Holocaust and the relatively [late adoption of surnames in Jewish communities](#).

### Family Tree Magazine

The *Family Tree Magazine* website offers assorted articles about Jewish genealogy. While a website subscription offers unlimited article views, a limited number of articles can be viewed monthly by non-members: <https://familytreemagazine.com>

10 essential online Jewish genealogy resources:

<https://familytreemagazine.com/heritage/jewish/jewish-genealogy-online-resources/>

7 steps for researching Jewish ancestors: <https://familytreemagazine.com/heritage/jewish/researching-jewish-ancestors/>

7 Holocaust records resources for genealogists:

<https://familytreemagazine.com/heritage/jewish/holocaust-records-genealogy-guide/>

How to research Jewish surnames: <https://familytreemagazine.com/heritage/jewish/jewish-surnames/>

Where to find Jewish genealogy records: <https://familytreemagazine.com/heritage/jewish/tracing-jewish-ancestors-guide/>

How to trace your Ashkenazi Jewish genealogy: <https://familytreemagazine.com/heritage/jewish/ashkenazi-jewish-genealogy/>

### Resources

Tracing ancestors in the old country: how to start your international research (not limited to Jewish): <https://familyhistorydaily.com/genealogy-help-and-how-to/research-log/>

Free download (20-page e-book) *Tracing Your Jewish Roots*:

<https://www.americanjewisharchives.org/wp-content/uploads/tracingYourJewishRoots.pdf>

Jewish genealogy research wiki: [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Jewish\\_Genealogy\\_Research](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Jewish_Genealogy_Research)

Knowles Collection includes genealogical records for 1.5+ million Jewish people in six databases.

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/knowles-collection-jewish-records>

*Jewish Ancestry Research Guide*, overview of Jewish themed projects on Geni: <https://www.geni.com/projects/Jewish-Ancestry-Research-Guide/1390>

Jewish genealogy and more: <https://bloodandfrogs.com/>

Foundation for Eastern European Family History Studies resources: <https://feefhs.org/resource>

Jewish genealogy links: <http://www.zchor.org/linkgen.htm>

JewishGen, home of Jewish genealogy, world-wide database (not limited to Jewish genealogy): <https://jewishgen.org/>

JewishGen USA Research Division - exploring lives of Jews in America from 1654 to present: <https://usa.jewishgen.org/>

12 free Jewish genealogy databases online: <https://www.thoughtco.com/free-jewish-genealogy-databases-online-1422098>

Louis Kessler's Jewish genealogy links: <https://www.lkessler.com/jglinks.shtml>

Avotaynu DNA Project collaboration of experienced Jewish DNA experts to develop online knowledge base to illuminate the history of the Jewish People: <http://avotaynuonline.com/avotaynu-foundation-dna-project/>

**DoroTree** offers a GEDCOM (names, places, notes, and facts, no media attached) program that types and prints out in Hebrew. No need for Hebrew-language operating system; convenient to share with relatives in Israel: <https://dorotree.com/>

Announcements related to Jewish genealogy (also posted to the group's Facebook page):  
<https://sites.google.com/site/jewishgnews/>

### **Youtube, Facebook**

Youtube videos for Jewish genealogy, assorted topics:

[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=jewish+genealogy](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=jewish+genealogy)

Facebook groups: [Jewish Genealogy Portal](#), [Tracing the Tribe - Jewish Genealogy on Facebook](#), [Jewish DNA for Genetic Genealogy and Family Research](#)