JewishGen, JRI Poland & Gesher Galicia: Resources & Indexes for Jewish Research & More

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JewishGen

- https://www.jewishgen.org/
- Free resource; registration required.
- Get additional search abilities with donation.
- Welcome donations, volunteers (want to index for me? 😊)

JewishGen Research Divisions (Formerly SIGs)

- https://www.jewishgen.org/JewishGen/researchdivisions.htm
- Various Research Divisions cover the various areas covered by JewishGen and coordinate projects to capture and preserve records, images, and other information about their area of responsibility.
- Ukraine Research Division: https://www.jewishgen.org/ukraine/
- Subcarpathia Research Division: https://www.jewishgen.org/sub-carpathia

JewishGen Country/Regional Databases

- https://www.jewishgen.org/databases/
- Includes indexed records largely indexed by volunteers
- JewishGen is organized by Research Division (each headed by a volunteer Research Director that coordinates indexing and other projects in the covered area)
- Allows searching of indexed records that are added to and updated regularly—Ukraine has been adding ~100,000 indexed records each month
- Relevant databases
  - Ukraine specifically covered Russian-Empire Ukraine (but Subcarpathia records can be found with a Ukraine-specific search)
  - Hungary database will include Subcarpathia as well as some border areas

- Gesher Galicia (its own organization, but searchable via JewishGen) and includes records from towns now located in Ukraine/Poland
- JRI-Poland (its own organization, but searchable via JewishGen) and will include records from towns now located in Ukraine/Poland
- How to search: https://larasgenealogy.blogspot.com/2023/02/tips-to-find-relatives-on-jewishgen.html
- Search results

JewishGen UKRAINE	
Kiev Gubernia Duma Voters List →	List 3 records
Odessa Birth Index →	List 13 records
Ukraine Births, Group 2 →	List 5 records
Ukraine Births, Group 3 →	List 10 records
Ukraine Deaths, Group 2 →	List 11 records
Ukraine Marriages →	List 1 record
Ukraine Marriages and Divorces, Group 2 →	List 4 records
Ukraine Revision Lists →	List 25 records

Sample JewishGen database search results. You can learn more about the particular record set by clicking in the area denoted with the red circle, and you can see the actual search results by clicking the button on the right (grey circle).

- Record set information (red circle above)
   - May contain information about the project coordinator for more information
   - May give information about acquiring original images (if not available in search results)
   - May have an inventory of what is included in the record set
   - May have information about what is still to be completed, or if the record set is complete
- Results button (grey button above)
   - Every record set has different information and may be in a slightly different format. Sometimes there are links to URLs with original images, and if not there is generally an archive citation for where the original record can be found.
   - IMPORTANT NOTE: OFTEN ONLY IDENTIFYING INFORMATION IS INDEXED, AND THE ORIGINAL RECORD WILL HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY MORE INFORMATION. LOOK AT/ACQUIRE THAT ORIGINAL RECORD!

Ukraine Births, Group 2

Searching for Surname (phonetically like) : ZUBKIS
5 matching records found.
Run on Fri, 10 May 2024 16:56:53 -0400

Child's Name	Father's Given Name / Paternal Grandfather's Given Name	Mother's Given Name / Mother's Maiden Surname / Maternal Grandfather	Date of Birth DD/MM/YY / Hebrew calendar	Town / Uyezd / Guberniya	Place of Residence / Comments	Place Recorded / Year Recorded / Record #	Microfilm / Item / Image/Page / Archive/Fond	More
TSIPKIS Nuta	Urin Mordko / Duvid	Khaya Ester / - / Nuta	20/Jul/1903	Zhitomir / Zhitomir / Volhynia	Father - townsman from Dubno, Volynskaya gub.	Zhitomir / 1903 / M382	DAZHO/ 67/3/571	View in Cyrillic
TSIPKIS Nison	Urin Mordko / Duvid	Khaya Ester / - / Nuta	27/Sep/1905	Zhitomir / Zhitomir / Volhynia	Father - townsman from Dubno, Volynskaya gub. Born on Peterburgskaya street, house of Skomorovskij.	Zhitomir / 1905 / M484	DAZHO/ 67/3/573	View in Cyrillic
TSIPKIS Avrum	Uron Mordko / Duvid	Khaya / -	16/Apr/1908	Zhitomir / Zhitomir	Father - townsman from Dubno, Volynskaya gub. Born	Zhitomir / 1908	DAZHO/	View in Cyrillic

This is a sample of results when you click on the button to get search results. The red circle above will bring you to the same description of the record set as does the red circle in the previous image. Here, the green circle shows the archive citation for where the original image may be found. Sometimes there will be a link that will bring you to the original image either hosted on JewishGen servers or another repository (FamilySearch, archive page, etc.)

JewishGen Holocaust Database

- https://www.jewishgen.org/databases/holocaust/
- Same interface as regional databases but includes Holocaust-specific record sets
  - Entries may also include non-Jews who were impacted.
- Many collaborative efforts with other organizations

JewishGen Unified Database

- https://www.jewishgen.org/databases/all/
- Allows simultaneous search across all databases on JewishGen
- Can search two fields simultaneously for free (only one for others), which can narrow down results.

JewishGen Yizkor Books

- https://www.jewishgen.org/yizkor/
- Translations of town/district Yizkor books
    - Only exist for town projects with funding to pay for translations
    - Some have only portions translated, but they are online.
    - Can buy hardcover versions of completed translations

JewishGen KehilaLinks

- https://kehilalinks.jewishgen.org/ukraine.html
- Volunteer-run ("Town Leader") town-focused pages.
- No specific format, so some are comprehensive and others are less so.
- May contain photographs, record sets, histories—but no standardized expectations.
- Town Leader may have mailing list to unite descendants—and those descendants may contain relatives
- You can volunteer to be a Town Leader for a town that lacks one.

JewishGen Online Classes

- https://www.jewishgen.org/Education/
- Virtual classes ranging from super-basic to much more specialized

JewishGen Family Finder

- Search for others researching your ancestral surname, location or both
- Register your own research interests FOR FREE to leave breadcrumbs for future researchers

JewishGen Communities Database/Gazetteer

- Great even if you're not researching Jewish ancestry
- JewishGen Communities Database
    - https://www.jewishgen.org/Communities/Search.asp
    - Covers towns with significant Jewish populations (so not every single village)

- Accounts for town name changes (particularly applicable in Subcarpathia), varying languages (sometimes Yiddish town names differed significantly from the secular name), and even "sounds like" to account for garbles or phonetic spellings of town names.
  - Gives country/district (Guberniya/Megye/etc) during varying time periods which may help narrow down possibilities.
- JewishGen Gazeteer
  - https://www.jewishgen.org/Communities/LocTown.asp
  - Accounts for many more villages than Communities Database
  - Can see all villages within a radius, so it can help if you know a village was near a larger town.

Searching for Town (Phonetically like) : NOVOSELICE

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Modern Town & Country	Other Names	c. 1950 After WWII Town / Country	c. 1930 Between Wars Town / District / Province / Country	c. 1900 Before WWI Town / District / Province / Country	# of JGFF Entries
Novoselytsya, Ukraine 48°08' N 23°14' E 365 miles WSW of Kyyiv	Novoselytsya [Ukr], Sósfalu [Hun, since 1899], Sós-Ujfalu [Hun, before 1899], Novoselice [Slov], Novoselitsa [Rus], Novoselica	Novoselitsa Soviet Union	Novoselice Subcarpathia Czechoslovakia	Sósfalu Ugocsa Kárpátalja Hungary	0
Novoselytsya, Ukraine 48°09' N 23°46' E 343 miles WSW of Kyyiv	Novoselytsya [Ukr], Taracújfalu [Hun], Novoselice [Slov], Novoselitsa [Rus], Felsöneresznicze [Hun], Vysni Neresnice [Slov], Oyber Nerysnica [Yid], Vizhnya Novoselitsa	Novoselitsa Soviet Union	Novoselice Subcarpathia Czechoslovakia	Taracújfalu Máramaros Máramaros Hungary	10
Novoselytsya, Ukraine 48°13' N 26°17' E 245 miles SW of Kyyiv	Novoselytsya [Ukr], Noua Suliţă [Rom], Novoselitz [Yid], Novosel'tsy [Rus], Nowosielica [Pol], Nowoselyzja [Ger], Novo Selitsa, Novoselica, Novoselitsy, Sulita, Nuvaselitz, Noua Sulitsa, Noua-Suliţă, Novoselycja	Novosel'tsy Soviet Union	Noua Suliţă Hotin Basarabia Romania	Novoselitsa Khotin Bessarabia Russian Empire	194

Number of matches = 3

Results of a search of JewishGen's Communities Database for towns phonetically close to "Novoselice." Clicking the logo next to each name will give significantly more information about each town. Note the variety of names associated with each town which may help to identify which is the town of interest. The information about geographic boundaries associated with each town may help to identify the correct town. And the # of JGFF Entries can be clicked on to see who has registered themselves in the JewishGen Family Finder as researching families from each town.

JewishGen Discussion Group

- https://groups.jewishgen.org/g/main
- Long-time (since the 1990s) mailing list (originally a listserve)
- Post your own research questions to a large audience

- Search the extensive archive to find older posts that might benefit your research.

JewishGen Viewmate

- https://www.jewishgen.org/viewmate/
- Get help with translations from volunteers.
- Search prior posts for people who posted documents relevant to your research.

Category: Translation - Russian
Approval Date: 9/15/2021 11:46 AM
Family Surname: Kahan
Country: Belarus
Town: Brest Litovsk
Date of Image: 1904

Click the picture to enlarge

Hello

I would highly appreciate a translation from Russian for the birth record of Kahan Refael.
Any details available would be useful.

Many thanks
Dror

This image is closed to new responses. No new responses will be accepted.

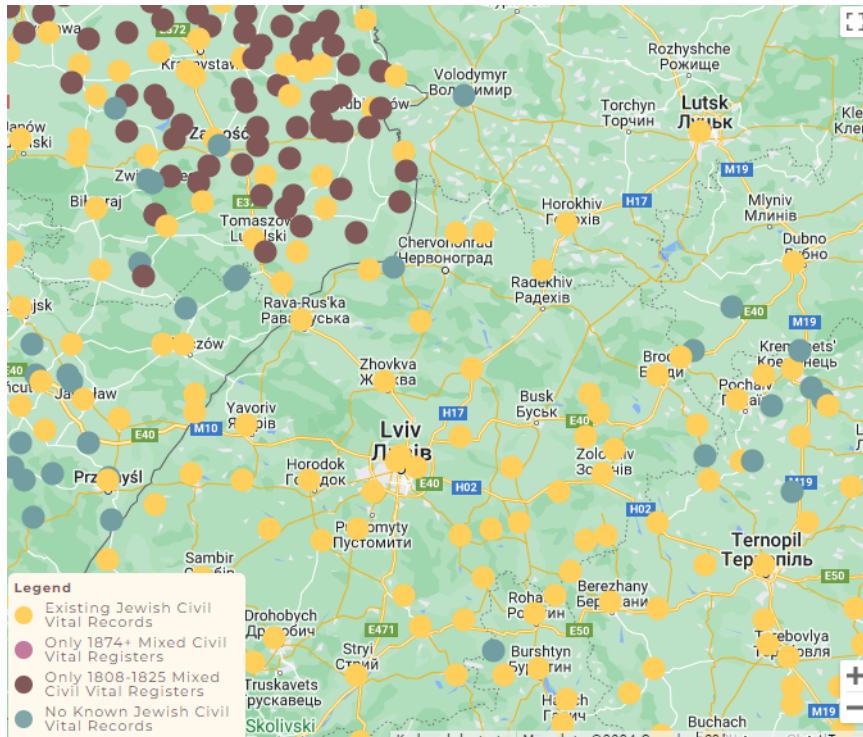| On	Response
9/19/2021 9:14 PM	Birth date: January 7th. Location: Gmina Yanov(a), Konstantinov Uezd. Father - Boruch/Borukh Kagan. Mother - Chaya/Khaya-Sora, daughter of Itsko, mother's surname Sokol.

JRI-Poland

- Its own organization
- Free search with registration (also available via JewishGen but additional search capacity without JewishGen donation) and different search features—use both.
- Covers many areas of the former Galicia—anything with records kept in Polish State Archives
- Often links to images of original records

JRI-Poland Town Explorer

- Shows availability of Jewish records for the town interactively

- Shows availability of mixed (Jewish & non-Jewish records)
- Even if your family isn't Jewish, it can point you to possible locations for records
  - Calls out some existing mixed (all religion) civil registration for specific towns.
- Contact Town Leader
- Use Google Chrome (as of May 2024 when writing this, it doesn't work on Firefox)

JRI-Poland's Town Explorer—Clicking on the dots (after logging in) will give information about document acquisition and transcription efforts for a particular town.

JRI-Poland Forum

- https://forum.jri-poland.org/
- Place to post questions about documents in the area covered by JRI-Poland
- Look at others' questions on same towns to guide your own research

JRI-Poland Record Search

- Currently I prefer their legacy search

- Same results as through JewishGen's Poland Database but can zero in on specific records more easily
- Access to four simultaneous search fields (instead of one without donation on JewishGen's Poland Database).
- Can search within radius of specified town, year range and other things that JewishGen doesn't have.
- Often links to original images hosted on Polish State Archives. (Sometimes the link is a few pages off, but it's usually very close.)

JRI-Poland Projects

- https://www.jri-poland.org/project-explorer/
- Variety of ongoing projects ranging from Holocaust-specific to vital or other records for a particular district or town.
- Donations give full spreadsheet access (sometimes easier to sort/search than the online search feature) to records indexed for a particular project
- Donations give early access before records are searchable online—sometimes a year or more in advance.
- Listed to show status and requirements for completion (usually funding)
- Volunteer to lead one!

Gesher Galicia (*Gesher=Bridge*)

- Its own organization
- Free search (also available via JewishGen but additional search capacity without JewishGen donation) and different search features—use both.
- Covers the former Galicia, overlaps geographically with parts of JRI-Poland
- Some record sets include non-Jews
- Often links to images of original records with paid membership

Gesher Galicia Town Locator

- https://www.geshergalicia.org/galician-town-locator/
- Shows repository for records for various religions (not just Jewish)

Galician Town	Administrative District	Judicial District	Roman Catholic Center	Jewish Center	Greek Catholic Center
Adamierz	Dabrowa	Zabno	Olesno	Dabrowa	
Adamowka	Jaroslau (Jaroslaw)	Sieniawa	Majdan Sieniawski	Sieniawa	Majdan Sieniawski
Adamy	Kamionka Strumilowa	Busk	Busk	Busk	Czanyz
Akreszory	Peczenizyn	Peczenizyn	Jablonów	Jablonów	Akreszory
Aksmanice	Przemyśl	Nizankowice	Nizankowice	Nizankowice	Klokowice

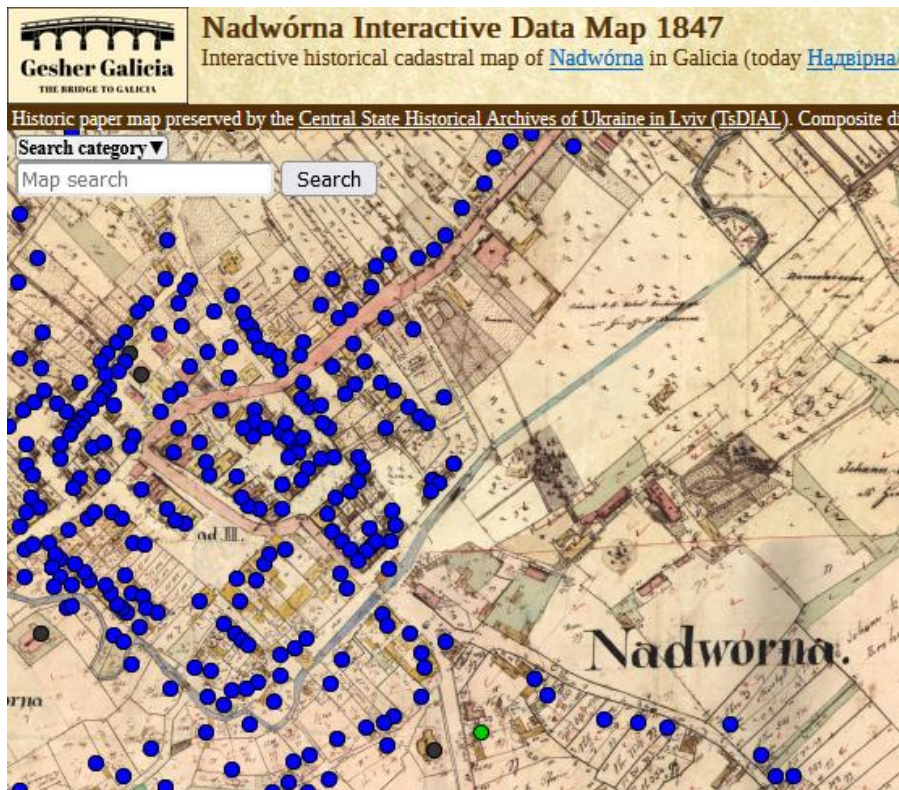*Gesher Galicia's Town Locator gives the location where records of various types/religions were kept.*

Gesher Galicia Projects

- https://www.geshergalicia.org/projects/
- Both ongoing and completed projects are listed
- Range from vital record acquisition/indexing to map acquisitions-

Gesher Galicia Map Room

- https://maps.geshergalicia.org/
- Includes links to detailed historic maps of the region
- Includes scanned-from-archive original maps
  - Regional maps
  - Cadastral maps
  - Street maps (usually for larger towns/cities)
  - Data maps (Interactive, correlating a town's vital records with cadastral maps. Currently for only a few towns.)
  - Additional map types.

Interactive Data Map of Nadworna; each dot is clickable and links to information about events found in records at that particular property. https://maps.geshergalicia.org/datamap/nadworna-nadvirna-1847/

Gesher Galicia (Paid) Membership-Only

- Access to quarterly high-quality newsletter
- Access to images for indexed records
- Access to live webinars and a number of prior recordings of webinars
- Library with multiple digitized books

Gesher Galicia Record search

- https://www.geshergalicia.org/all-galicia-database/
- Can choose "Advanced Search" to narrow down search by year, address, repository and more.
- Can filter by type of record, record search, and more upon left side of search results
- Need to expand individual results for full indexed information

BIRTH			
+	**Hizil KAHAN** Daughter of Febusch, Dwora	1825	🔒 SCANS

BIRTH			
+	**Leon KAHAN**	1928	🔒 SCANS

BIRTH			
+	**Róża KAHAN**	1915	🔒 SCANS

BIRTH			
+	**Mordko Wolf PODHORETZ** Son of Icik Leib PODHORETZ, Rifke KAHAN	1859	🔒 SCANS

Results from Gesher Galicia. Note that you can expand a result by clicking on the circled "plus" sign. If you are a member of Gesher Galicia, you'd be able to obtain scans (which otherwise are locked, as on the right of the image).

BIRTH			
—	**Hizil KAHAN** Daughter of Febusch, Dwora	1825	🔒 SCANS

Date of Birth: 06 MAY 1825
Year: 1825
Sex: F
Town of Birth: Jagielnica
House Number: 113

MOTHER
Given Name: Dwora

FATHER
Given Name: Febusch

Jagielnica Jewish Births (1817-1859), Birth Index Book (1896)   Hide details

Record Repository: Central State Historical Archives in Lviv (TsDIAL)
Fond: 701
Series: 1
File: 363
Identifier   #4:234

Expanded search result on Gesher Galicia

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