Part One

"Get Started"

First Timer

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Online Classes

Register on discussion groups

Part 2

No need to reinvent the wheel.

See if someone has already researched your family.

Tip – Keyword searches. Use Spelling variations. Vowels Consonants.

JewishGen Family Finder

Family Tree of the Jewish People

Discussion Groups

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

LitvakSig	Belarus	Warsaw	Galitzianer	Rabbinic
French	Ukraine	DNA	South Africa	Sephardic
German-Jewish	Vaudeville	Romania	Early American and more.	

Viewmate upload documents ad photos for a common

Family Pages

Kehilinks community pages

LitVakSig vs All Lithuania Database

Search JewishGen Discussion Group. Click on "Message Archives" under Roman Numeral IV.

JewishGen Discussion Group

ternet forum which fulfills the vision to unite Jewish
d and discuss each day's messages. They share
case studies and resources. Their dedication is to Jewish
family lore and reminiscences. Not only do they want to
ing to help others along the way. This continual sharing

up is "moderated", that is, all messages are subject to
ding a message through for posting, may reject
table venue, or send it through to the Discussion Group
to keep the discussion on track and to let it not get
sonal messages of no interest to the general readership

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Example will be for Message Archives. Select other groups if you'd like.

MESSAGE ARCHIVES:

The JewishGen Discussion Group Message Archives is a database of all 100,000+ messages which have been posted to the JewishGen Discussion Group since 1993. The message archives can be searched in a variety of ways.

V. GETTING THE MOST OUT OF JEWISHGEN

The JewishGen Discussion Group is only one small part of JewishGen, and you should take the time to investigate all of the resources available to you. JewishGen, Inc. is a non-profit corporation, formed to provide a wide rangle of services in the field of Jewish genealogy through volunteers.

JewishGen maintains an award-winning World Wide Web site at http://www.jewishgen.org. There, you can find out more about JewishGen's activities. The web site offers a wealth of valuable information. Among other things, there are:

JewishGen Discussion Group Archives

This database contains all messages posted to the JewishGen Discussion Group since September 1993. You can search for any word or word combination in a message.

You can use the following search syntax:

- OR
- NOT, AND NOT, BUT NOT, WITHOUT
- AND, WITH, (space)
- IS, HAS, HAVE, HAVING
- LIKE (5)
- NEAR (8), WITHIN nnn [WORD[S] OF]
- THEN, ..., "...", [...]
- (grouping)

For example:

Greenberg or Grynberg	(messages with EITHER name included)
Cohen and Odessa	(messages with BOTH words included)
Like Tobias	(messages containing the 5 most similar words to Tobias)
Like Tobias but not Tobias	(as above but not messages containing Tobias itself)
Abram near Rochla	(messages with Abram and Rochla within 8 words of each other)
David within 4 words of Ruth	(messages with David and Ruth within 4 words of each other)
Isaac Goldberg	(messages containing BOTH words, in any order)
Isaac then Goldberg	(messages containing those CONSECUTIVE words)
(Rosen or Grossman) and Hamburg	(messages containing one of these surnames plus Hamburg)

Enter a word or words [ ]
to search for in the JewishGen Discussion Group Message Archives.
[Start search]

Date range: if there are an excessive number of matching messages, you can limit your searches to only certain messages. You do this by specifying the date range you are interested in. You can also use this method to limit your searches to only recent messages, by specifying a different start date.

Example is the search results for Estevan. A small town in Saskatchewen.
I clicked on the Saskatchewen Jewish Cemeteries message. It shows an original posting to the Discussion Group plus a reply with a useful link, at the time of response.

JewishGen Discussion Group Archives

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Search results for "Estevan"
(from Sep-Dec 1993 to 1 January 2018)
Number of hits: 7
Run on Saturday 27 January 2018 at 20:37:10

Date	From	Message Subject	Size
10 May 2007	David Ribotsun	Davis WOOLFSON	1437
16 Jul 2006	Mbernet	Re: Rare given name Eliezer LIEBER / LIBER	1871
26 Jun 2003	Alan Perkin	Searching for descendants of Harris MORRIS	766
20 Sep 2000	Heather Macpherson	Saskatchewan Jewish Cemetaries	1999
20 Sep 2000	S & R Chernoff	Baron DeHirsch Cemetery near Estevan, Saskatchewan	2082

Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 22:37:54 +0000 From: Heather MacPherson <hmac@telus.net>
Subject: Saskatchewan Jewish Cemetaries

Dear Lois
you can access the Jewish cemetaries of Saskatchewan and more specifically for you the Hirsch Cemetary and the address is below http://cap.estevan.sk.ca/cemetery.records/index.html

there are a couple more in the provinceso get back to me if you need more information

Heather in BC

Subject: Baron DeHirsch Cemetery near Estevan, Saskatchewan
> From: JGLois@aol.com
> Date: Tue, 19 Sep 2000 01:24:21 EDT
> X-Message-Number: 3
>
> I have recently learned that my cousin's grandfather, Aaron Joffa (possible
> Aharon, Aron and Ioffe, Jaffa, Joffe) died in 1915 while the family was
> living at the Baron DeHirsch Colony in Estevan. In all probability he is
> buried at the Hirsch cemetery nearby. How would I go about finding out 1)
> If he is buried there? 2) What is written on the stone? and 3) The exact
> location of the grave within the cemetery?
>
> I checked the IAJGS Cemetery Project listing and wrote to the contact
> person for the Hirsch Cemetery in Estevan, but received no response.
> Because we are nearing the holidays I thought I would ask if someone on the
> list might going out there? If so I would greatly appreciate being
> contacted.
>
> Mentioned in the IAJGS listing is the fact that there is a sign on Highway
> 18 that tells the story of the DeHirsch settlers . I would love to know
> what it is written on that sign. Do you know if it is pictured anywhere
> on the web?
>
> Lois Sernoff [Philadelphia, PA, USA]

JewishGen Communities Database. Tie-in to JewishGen Family Finder.

Search for Wekshne and present day Vieksniai came up.

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Searching for Town (Phonetically like) : WEKSHNA

Run on Sat, 27 Jan 2018 19:13:02 -0700

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
Vieksniai, Lithuania 56°14' N 22°31' E 153 miles NW of Vilnius	Viekšniai [Lith], Vekshne [Yid], Vyekshnya [Rus], Wieksmie [Pol], Wiekschnen [Ger], Viekšni [Latv], Veckshna, Vekshni, V'yekshnyay, Vlyekshnyay, Viekšniu, Veikšnė, Vekshnyay, Vekshnya	Viekšniai Soviet Union	Viekšniai Mažeikiai Lithuania	Vyekshnya Shavli Kovno Russian Empire	120

Number of matches = 1

Shows Latitude, Longitude and other names for the same town.

Tip, look at a map and see what other towns are nearby. Then see if there are other researchers of your family name with a connection to that neighboring town. Could be a relative. Maybe a DNA comparison.

# of JGFF Entries shows the number of JewishGen participants who are researching that town. TIP: Click on the number and it will take you to them. Then click to contact the researcher. Pay attention to when they last logged in.

Kangiser	Vieksniai	Lithuania	12 Oct 1999	Click HERE to contact Neil Donen (#33917) Last logged in: January 2018
Cangiser	Vieksniai	Lithuania	12 Oct 1999	
Weiner	Vieksniai	Lithuania	6 Jan 2000	Click HERE to contact Researcher #38045 Last logged in: before 2004
Jackson	Vieksniai	Lithuania	15 Nov 2009	Click HERE to contact Raymond Edison (#39001) Last logged in: September 2017
Teint	Vieksniai	Lithuania	11 Mar 2000	Click HERE to contact Gita Stern (#40734) Last logged in: before 2004
Herzberg	Vieksniai	Lithuania	13 Feb 2002	Click HERE to contact Viktor Herzberg (#42152) Last logged in: December 2017
Kangisser	Vieksniai	Lithuania	4 May 2000	Click HERE to contact Joel Kangisser (#43340) Last logged in: July 2017
Clein	[illegible]	Lithuania	[illegible]	

JewishGen Mailing Lists

Subscribe to JewishGen Mailing Lists

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JewishGen Discussion Group

JewishGen Discussion Group	Main JewishGen Discussion Group	You are currently subscribed to this list

Regional Special Interest Groups

Austria-Czech SIG	A forum for those researching Jewish genealogy in the areas formerly known as Bohemia and Moravia (now the Czech Republic), plus parts of Austria, especially Vienna, but not Galicia.	Subscribe
Belarus SIG	A forum for researchers with Jewish family roots in country now known as Belarus and more specifically from the former Russian Guberni (provinces) of Grodno, Minsk, Mogilev, and Vitebsk	Subscribe
Bessarabia SIG	A forum for researchers with Jewish roots in the region of Bessarabia, an area now comprising the Moldova Republic and parts of Ukraine, as well as the adjacent region of Transnistria.	Subscribe
BIALYGen: Bialystok Region	The city of Bialystok and nearby towns and villages, currently in Poland, formerly in the Russian Empire's Grodno Gubernia.	Subscribe
Danzig SIG	The Jews of Danzig/Gdansk, and its precursor communities of Alt Schottland, Langfuhr, Mattenbuden, Weinberg, Danzig in der Breitgasse, and Tiegenhof (Nowy Dwor Gdanski).	Subscribe
Early American SIG	A forum for those researching Jewish immigrants to the United States before 1880.	Subscribe
French SIG	A forum for Jewish genealogical research in France and French colonies, as well as other French-speaking areas such as Belgium, Luxembourg and Switzerland.	Subscribe
German Jewish SIG	A forum focused on geographic, historic and linguistic Germany, including parts of Switzerland, Poland, and Alsace-Lorraine.	Subscribe
Gesher Galicia SIG	A forum for those interested in researching their Jewish roots in the former Austrian province of Galicia (now southern Poland, western Ukraine).	Subscribe
H-SIG	Hungarian Jewish Special Interest Group is for those with Jewish roots in the area known as "greater Hungary" including areas that at one time were predominantly Hungarian speaking.	Subscribe
JCR-UK SIG	Jewish Communities and Records (JCR-UK): A project to record genealogical and historical information concerning the Jewish communities of the United Kingdom.	Subscribe
Latin America SIG	A forum for researchers with Jewish family roots in all countries of Latin America.	Subscribe
Latvia SIG	A forum for researchers of Jewish families of Latvian descent.	Subscribe
Lodz Area Research Group	A forum for those researching the city of Lodz, Poland, and localities within a 40 mile radius – in Congress Poland's gubernias of Plotrkow, Piotrk, Warszawa, and Kalisz.	Subscribe
Rabbinic Genealogy SIG	A forum for those interested in Rabbinic genealogy or researching rabbinic ancestry within any geographic area or time period.	Subscribe
Romania SIG	A forum for those with Jewish roots in Romania (including Bukovina, Dobrudja, Maramures, Moldavia, Transylvania and Wallachia).	Subscribe
Scandinavia SIG	A forum for researchers with Jewish roots in Finland, Norway, Sweden and Denmark - including former Danish colonies and protectorates.	Subscribe
Sephardic SIG	A forum for researchers of Sephardic genealogies. English is the preferred language.	Subscribe
South Africa SIG	A forum to discuss the genealogy and family history of Jewish communities of South Africa, Lesotho, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Zambia (Rhodesia), Swaziland, Mozambique and the former Belgian Congo.	Subscribe
Sub-Carpathia SIG	A forum for those with Jewish roots in Sub-Carpathian Ukraine (parts of the pre-WWI Hungarian megyik of Bereg, Maramaros, Ugocsa and Ung).	Subscribe
Ukraine SIG	A forum for researchers with family origin in the former Russian Empire gubernias now in the Ukraine: Podolia, Volhynia, Kiev, Poltava, Chernigov, Kharkov, Kherson, Taurida and Ekaterinoslav.	Subscribe
Warszawa Research Group	A forum for those researching Warszawa (Warsaw), the capital city of Poland.	Subscribe

JewishGen Projects

Yizkor Project	Memorial books, assembled by survivors of communities liquidated by the Nazis, give accounts of the customs and lifestyles of people in a world that is no more. The forum works to facilitate access.	Subscribe
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JewishGen Hosted Projects

JRI-Poland	Jewish Records Indexing Poland. An independent organization creating a searchable database of indexes to vital and other records for Jews of Poland.	Subscribe
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Courland Area Research Group	Subscribe

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