Jewish Genealogy Resources at SLCL



Outline

- Digital/Online Access
- Print Resources (Books & Periodicals)
- Soon-to-be obsolete formats: microform & CDs
- Language Guide
- Human Resources
- Oral History Assistance
- Digitization Assistance
- Classes & Webinars



Digital/Online Access to Resources

- Ancestry Library Edition can access for free from any SLCL library branch
- FamilySearch.org SLCL H&G is a FamilySearch affiliate center with full access to all records
- Fold3.com can access for free as a SLCL card holder
 - Has robust & growing collection of Holocaust records
- Historical St. Louis Post-Dispatch can access for free as a SLCL card holder
- NewspaperArchive.com can access for free from SLCL's Emerson H&G
 Center
- Newspapers.com can access for free as a SLCL card holder
- Old Maps Online

Books (over 750 on specifically Jewish topics)

See our new Jewish Genealogy finding guide!

- General Jewish Genealogy/History
- American Jewish Genealogy/History
- Local Jewish Genealogy/History Resources
 - St. Louis specific
 - Missouri specific
 - Specific to other localities outside of St. Louis (surprisingly numerous Indiana/Louisiana resources)
- Holocaust History

- International Jewish Genealogy/History Resources
- Israeli Genealogy/History
- Histories of Specific Jewish Families
- Jewish Names and Naming
- Transcription/Translation from Relevant Languages (Hebrew, Yiddish, Aramaic, Central European Languages, etc.)
- Yizkor Books

Periodicals (see ACPL's PERSI to find specific articles)

- Avotaynu*
- American Jewish Archives
- American Jewish Historical Quarterly
- American Jewish History*
- Dorot: Journal of the Jewish Genealogical Society
- Federation of East European Family History Societies Journal (FEEFHS)*
- Jewish Genealogical Society Newsletter

- Landsmen: Quarterly Publication of the Suwalk-Lomza Interest Group
- Mishpacha (Virginia)
- Morasha (Illinois)
- Sharsheret Hadorot
- Shemot (England)
- Southern Jewish History
- Transactions of the Jewish Historical Society of England
- Yivo Annual of Jewish Social Science

Microfilm & Microfiche; CDs

- Cemetery records (esp. from Washington DC)
- Holocaust-affected Community Lists
- Jewish Surname Indexes
- Index of Immigrants Who Received Special Protection from the US State Dept
- Lists of Jews Deported from France
- Latvian Business Address Books
- Filtered Versions of Canadian Censuses Showing Jewish Residents
- German and East European civil records (incl. Budapest, Galicia, Mittelfranken, Oberfranken)
- ...and more...

Language Guide

- Charts of both print and cursive Hebrew and their Latin letter conversions
- Examples of common Hebrew names written in cursive Hebrew script
- Charts of Hebrew numerals and their Arabic numeral conversions
- Charts on how to read calendar dates written in Hebrew characters
- List of several dozen common Hebrew tombstone terms

Human Resources

- Free lookups
 - Submit online via our H&G Lookup Form (slcl.org)
 - Up to 3 at a time
- Free Book-A-Genealogist sessions
 - Request online via our H&G Book-A-Genealogist Form (slcl.org)
 - 1-hour sit-down
 - For defined brick-wall problems

Oral History

- Check-out-able oral history kits (reserve online in advance)
- SLCL's Emerson H&G Center has a Personal History Recording Studio
 - Book online for a 2-hour appointment
 - Can do up to two appointments per week
 - Can do video or audio-only recordings
 - Record yourself or bring an older family member to interview
 - Question prompts are provided in the studio
 - Bring a USB flash drive to save your recording file
 - Audio & video editing software on the studio computer for trimming/adjusting your recording

Digitization

- Check-out-able scanning kits (reserve online in advance)
- SLCL's Emerson H&G Center has a Scanning & Digitization Lab
 - Book online for a 2-hour appointment
 - Can do up to two appointments per week
 - Three self-service stations in the lab
 - Bring a USB flash drive to save your digitized files
 - Can digitize:

Photographs Documents Books Slides

Negatives Film Strips Film Reels VHS tapes

Video Cassettes Audio Cassettes 3.5" Disks CDs/DVDs

Classes & Webinars

- Always Free
- Mixture of In-Person, Virtual (Zoom), and Hybrid
 - Moving toward increasing the number of hybrid offerings
- Upcoming (see slcl.org for more):
 - Dec 2: StL Genealogy (Zoom)
 - Dec 3: Documenting Your Family History (Zoom)
 - Dec 3: Grandma's Cupboard (Clark)
 - Dec 17: Grandpa's Toolbox (Clark)
 - Jan 7: Beginning Genealogy Research (Hybrid)
 - Jan 9: Free Websites for Genealogy (Zoom)
 - Jan 13: Exploring Ancestry Library Edition (Zoom)