**WOMEN’S LEAGUE FOR CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM**

**A HIGHLY PERSONAL GENEALOGY RESOURCE LIST**

**FROM MARSHA RAIMI**

**Saul Raimi’s Testimony**

<http://holocaust.umd.umich.edu/interview.php?D=raimi&section=1>

**Book and Movie Information**

Glenn Kurtz’s website: <http://glennkurtz.com/cgi-bin/iowa/three-minutes-in-poland/index.html>

Page includes a trailer for the movie and a link to the video in my presentation, under “a brief video about an extraordinary discovery”.

**Basic Jewish Genealogical Research**

1. Pick 1 major service from: MyHeritage, Geni, FamilySearch, Ancestry. (MH was started in Israel, so tends to have the most Jewish records. Ancestry has the best indexed US Census records. They all have free limited access and free trials.)

2. Searching one family line at a time, locate the following records: US and state censuses, immigration, naturalization, and passenger manifests. With these, you should have many pieces of information about your ancestor in their country of origin, including their original name and birth place.

3. Research your ancestor and their hometown on <https://www.jewishgen.org/>

This is an umbrella site, which includes millions of records from multiple databases around the world, such as vital records (birth/marriage/death), voter lists, Holocaust, Yizkor books, town location, etc. Search results are free, but a $100/ year donation is needed to download most records. The fee provides access to free translations of documents. They offer free downloadable self-guided courses, as well as fee-based ones. They sponsor frequent seminars on genealogical topics via Zoom (donation optional).

**Information about Your Ancestors’ Town**

Miriam Weiner Routes to Roots Foundation <https://www.rtrfoundation.org/index.shtml>

Polin Museum – Virtual Shtetel (Poland only) <https://www.sztetl.org.pl/en/>

**Holocaust Survivors and Victims**

Yad vShem – Pages of Testimony <https://www.yadvashem.org/archive/hall-of-names/pages-of-testimony.html>

US Holocaust Memorial Museum <https://www.ushmm.org/remember/resources-holocaust-survivors-victims>

Site includes a lesson plan for middle- and high-school students using the original 3-minute film clip.

Arolsen Archives (originally International Tracing Service)

<https://arolsen-archives.org/en/>

**Non-Profit Organizations** (all Poland-specific)

Matzevah Foundation

Forum for Dialogue

Foundation for the Preservation of Jewish Heritage in Poland

**Facebook Pages**

While all the commercial sites and JewishGen offer ways to connect with other researchers, I’ve interacted much more with people via Facebook. You can learn a lot by reading other peoples’ posts and the replies. The ones below all offer free translations; be sure to format your request according to their guidelines.

Tracing the Tribe

Jewish Genealogical Translations

Jewish Genealogy in Poland

**Hiring a Genealogist**

Ask for referrals from the Facebook groups

Article on how to search <https://www.jewishgen.org/infofiles/profgen.html>

Association of Professional Genealogists <https://www.apgen.org/cpages/home>

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