

Critical Books for a Jewish Genealogy Library

Ashkenazi Jewish Genealogy Books

From Generation to Generation by Arthur Kurzweil 3rd edition, Josey-Bass

Getting Started in Jewish Genealogy by Gary Mokotoff 2022 edition, Avotaynu

Avotaynu Guide to Jewish Genealogy by Gary Mokotoff, Avotaynu (out of print)

Where Once we Walked: A Guide to the Jewish Communities Destroyed in the Holocaust by Gary Mokotoff 2nd edition, Avotaynu

Source for Jewish Genealogies and Family Histories by David Zubatsky 3rd edition, Avotaynu

Practical Guide to Jewish Cemeteries by Nolan Menachemson, Avotaynu (out of print)

The Unbroken Chain by Neil Rosenstein 3rd edition, Avotaynu 6 volumes so far

Ashkenazic Surnames

A Dictionary of Ashkenazic Given Names by Alexander Beider, Avotaynu

A Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from the Russian Empire by Alexander Beider 2nd edition, Avotaynu 2 volumes

A Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from Poland by Alexander Beider, Avotaynu (out of print)

A Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from Galicia by Alexander Beider, Avotaynu

Dictionary of German Jewish Surnames by Lars Menk, Avotaynu

Historical implications of Jewish surnames in the old Kingdom of Romania by Alexander Avram, Pennsylvania State University Press

Sephardic Jewish Genealogy Books

Sephardic Genealogy by Jeffrey Malka 2nd edition, Avotaynu

Assis, Y.T. Jews in the Crown of Aragon. 1213-1327. Central Archives History of the Jewish People, Jerusalem, 1995.

Assis, Y.T. Jewish economy in the Medieval Crown of Aragon, 1213-1327. E. J. Brill, 1997.

Elnecave, Nissim. Los Hijos de Ibero-Franconia. Ediciones La Luz, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 1981

Gerber, Jane. The Jews of Spain: A History of the Sephardic Experience. The Free Press, MacMillan, New York, 1992. (You need history....)

Leon Tello, Pilar. Judios de Toledo. Institut Arias Montano, Madrid

(List of Jews who lived in Toledo and Court Documents about them).

Regne, Jean, History of Jews in Aragon. Collection of Regesta and court documents 1213-1327. Magnes Press. Hebrew University 1978

Tavares, Maria José Pimenta Ferro. Los judeus em Portugal. Madrid: Editorial MAPFRE, 1992. (Studies including name and place index).

Hirschberg, J.W. A History of the Jews in North Africa (2 vols). Leiden. E. J. Brill 1974.

Zafrani, Haim. Two Thousand Years of Jewish Life in Morocco. KTAV Publishing House 2003.

Emmanuel, Isaac Samuel, and Suzanne A. Emmanuel. Precious Stones of the Jews in Curaçao: Curaçao Jewry 1656-1957. NY: Bloch, 1957 (out of print)

Sephardic Surnames

A Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from Maghreb, Gibraltar, and Malta by Alexander Beider, Avotaynu

A Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from Italy, France, and Portuguese Communities by Alexander Beider, Avotaynu

Dicionario Sefaradi De Sobrenomes by Guilherme Faiguenboim, Avotaynu

Dictionary of Sephardic Given Names by Mathilde Tagger, Avotaynu

Dictionary of Bulgarian Jewish Surnames by Mathilde Tagger, Avotaynu

Sebag, Paul. Les Noms Des Juifs de Tunisie: Origines Et Significations. Paris: Harmattan, 2002. (Dictionary of Tunisian Jewish names. Has several errors but otherwise a good resource)?

Laredo, Abraham. Les Noms des Juifs du Maroc Institut Montano, Madrid, 1978. (Morocco is where the oldest Sephardic surnames are found, surnames found elsewhere throughout the Sephardic world. This book also includes detailed genealogical source data. This book which was out of print and long unavailable has now been reprinted and available in 2 volumes in Spain).

Sangre Judia by Pere Bonnin, Flor Del Viento Ediciones

Converso Genealogy Books

How I Found My 15 Grandmothers: A Step-by-Step Guide by Genie Milgrom, Lexington Kentucky

Yemenite Genealogy Books

Names of Yemenite Jewry: a social and cultural history / by Aharon Gaimani, University Press of Maryland

Translation Guides

Following the Paper Trail: A Multilingual Translation Guide by Jonathan Shea, Avotaynu

In Their Words: A Genealogist Translation Guide – Russian by Jonathan Shea 2nd edition, Avotaynu

In Their Words: A Genealogist Translation Guide – Polish by Jonathan Shea, Avotaynu

In Their Words: A Genealogist Translation Guide – German by Jonathan Shea, Language & Lineage Press

In Their Words: A Genealogists Translation Guide – Latin by Jonathan Shea, Language & Lineage Press

A Translation Guide to 19th-Century Polish-Language Civil-Registration Documents by Judith Frazin, 3rd edition, Jewish Genealogy Society of Illinois

DNA Books

The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy Paperback 2019 by Blaine T. Bettinger