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Scope

- The focus of this class will be on the countries that fell within the Pale of Settlement. These include the following countries:
 - Belarus
 - Latvia
 - Lithuania
 - MoldovaPoland
 - Romania
 - Russia
 - Ukraine

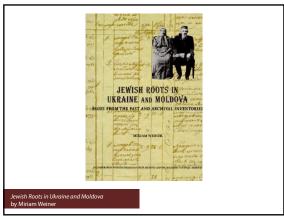
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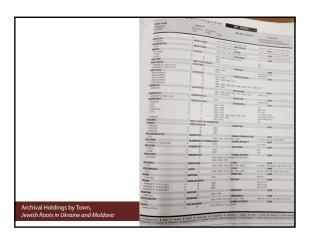
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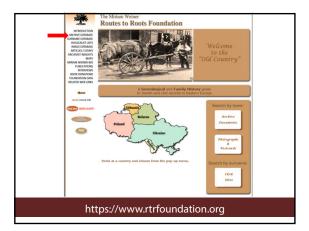
- Research the towns where your ancestors lived to understand what records survived and where to access them
- Published books on archival holdings (see Miriam Weiner's series)
- Online Web Sites:
 - JewishGen
 - Routes to Roots Foundation
 - FamilySearch

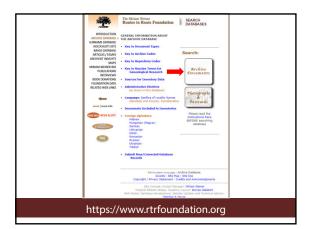
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Types of Repositories

- USC Office (Urzad Stanu Cywilnego) is a Civil Records Office.
 - Typically store records less than 100 years.
- Regional Archives



1897 Russian Empire Census

- Survey was done in two phases:
 - Dec. 1896-Jan. 1897
 - Clerks visit households to fill out questionnaires, which were later checked by census department leaders.
 - 2nd phase completed by 28 Jan. 1897
 - Clerks would re-visit households and make corrections to the results of the first questionnaire.
- Three different questionnaire forms used:
 - Form A Peasant households in agricultural communities
 - Form B Landlords' households, private homes, and households in villages.
 - Form C city residents

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1897 Russian Empire Census Cont'd

- 14 questions asked on the following:
 Last name, first name, patronymic name or nickname
 Gender

 - Names and relationship of others to head of household (listed first)

 - Social group or status (ex. Peasant, town dweller, merchant) Place of birth

 - Place of registration Place of residence Notes about temporary absences of household members

 - Religion
 Native Language Jews were listed as "Jewish"
 Can individuals read and write and type of education

 - Occupation, craft, or trade
 Notes were made about persons with disabilities (blind, mute, etc.)

1897 Russian Empire Census Cont'd

- Military Status notes were also included
- The cover page of the questionnaire included the home address, along with a description of the home

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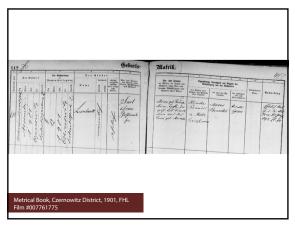
Other Census Records

- 1875 Russian Empire Conscription Census
- Jewish Censuses
 - Hungary Census of Jews, 1848
 - Germany German Minority Census of 1939
- Provincial
 - $\, \blacksquare \,$ France Enumeration by Name of the Jews in Alsace, 1784
- Loca
 - Debreczen, Hungary, 1870
 - Denmark, 1814 (many towns)
 - And more!

Metrical Books

- Otherwise, known as vital records
- Records include births, marriages, deaths, and divorces
- Usually recorded by local churches
- Found at the town level

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Tax Records

- Records include information on the taxpayer and rarely have information on the family
- - Levied on all Jewish rituals, including Sabbath candle lighting, weddings, and memorial candles
 - Used to pay for state-run Jewish schools
- - Called the "puske" or "kupah" tax
 Tax assessed on kosher meat sold (by the pound)
 Collected by Jewish community
- Real Estate Tax Lists
- Revision Lists

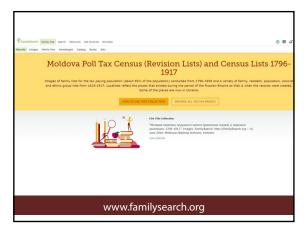
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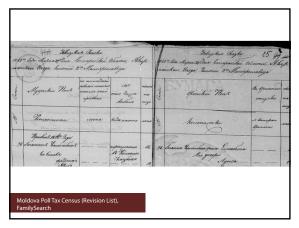


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Revision Lists

- · Similar to a census record, these were tax valuation
- Poll tax was assessed using these lists
- Include the following:
 - Names
 - Ages
 - Family relationships
 - Sex
 - Marital Status
 - Occupation
 - Place of birth



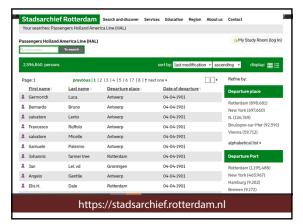


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Emigration Records

- Hamburg Passenger Lists (1850-1934)
- Netherlands Passenger Lists Holland-America Line (1900-1974)





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Internal Passports

- Prior to WWI, an internal passport was required to travel within the boundaries of Russia
- From 1919–1940, every Lithuanian citizen aged 17 years or older was required to have an internal passport; it was a form of proof for Lithuanian citizenship

Internal Passports

- Passports contained the following:
 Name

 - Date of birth
 - Place of birth
 - Address
 - Nationality
 - Religion

 - OccupationFamily Status
 - Notes about Children Registration Stamp
- Many passport files contain photos, applications, affidavits, and copies of vital records

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Military Records (Austrian Empire)

- Austrian Empire started universal conscription in 1868; every male citizen was required to serve 3 years with the military
- In 1912, it was changed to 2 years
- Military records held by Central State Historical Archives in Lviv, Ukraine
- Records have been microfilmed and are available on FamilySearch; they are organized by birth year and first letter of surname

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Military Records (Russia)

- Military service was compulsory for Jews in Russia in 1827; draft age range was between 12 and 25 years old
- Jewish minors under 18 years were placed in preparatory training establishments called the cantonist units
- Russian State Military
 Historical Archive opened
 for research in 1990; their
 records include documents
 for the Russian Army from
 end of the 1700s to 1918



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Duma Lists

- Following Russia's defeat with war in Japan in 1905, Tsar Nicholas II instituted the Russian Parliament (the Duma)
- Duma lists are lists of eligible voters
- Four election periods:
 - 1st Duma: Jan 1906 to Apr 1906
 - 2nd Duma: Dec 1906 to Feb 1907
 - 3rd Duma: Sep 1907 to Oct 1907
 - 4th Duma: Sep 1912 to Oct 1912

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Duma Lists Cont'd

- Eligibility for voting:
 - Males aged 24 years and older
 - Qualifications could include the following:
 - Taxpayer
 - · Property owner
 - Guild and professional membership
 - Duma lists were printed in a Russian gazette called *Guberniskie Vedomost*

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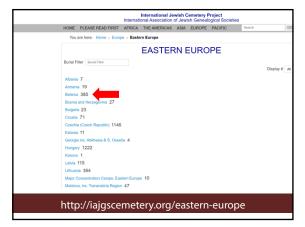
Other Voter Lists

- 1912 Grodno Gubernia (Russia) Voters List
 - Name of Voter
 - Father's Name
 - District
 - Sometimes lists the town where voter lives

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Cemetery Records

- International Jewish Cemetery Project
- JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry



















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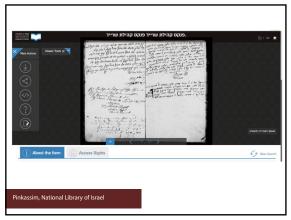
Synagogue Records

- Jewish communities used pinkassim (register books) or ksiegi duchowne (community books) to record vital records, tax rolls, synagogue seat ownership, donations, and other information
- National Library of Israel, together with the Central Archives for the History of the Jewish People in Jerusalem, holds the world's largest collection of pinkassim

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Finding Jewish Records by Town

- Search for the town in the catalogue
- Review the different categories available
- Important: Don't discount Church Records; Metrical books for Jewish people were recorded by local churches

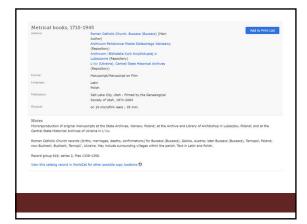
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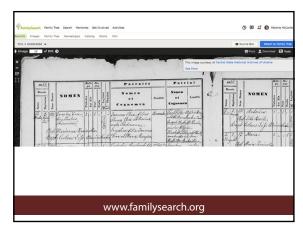
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Using the Jewish Records Category

- Search for "Jewish Records" in the Catalogue under the town where your ancestors lived
- Search for "Jewish Records" (Search by keyword) in the Catalogue to see all Jewish records available

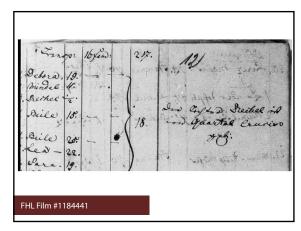
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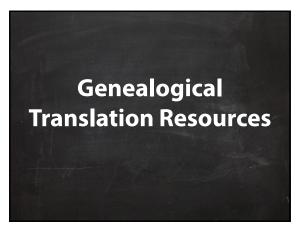








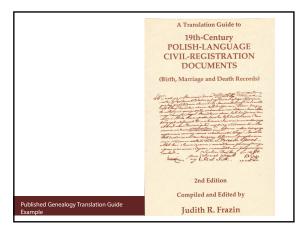




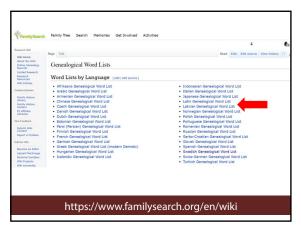
Translation Resources

- FamilySearch Genealogical Word Lists
- Published Genealogical Translation Guides
- Genealogical Translations Facebook group
- Contact a local university's foreign language department to ask about students/faculty who can assist with a request
- Hire a professional genealogist or translator through the Association of Professional Genealogists website

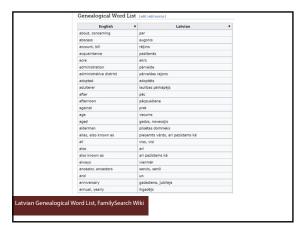
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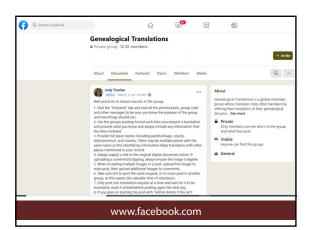


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Why?

- Non-digitized records
- Distance
- Language barriers
- Expertise

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Where?

- Cyndi's List
- Genealogical Societies
- Association of Professional Genealogists
- FamilySearch wiki
- Genealogical blogs
- Facebook groups
- NEHGS & AmericanAncestors.org







What to look for...

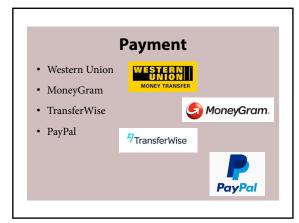
- Experience (hours researched)
- Geographic proximity
- Recommendations
- · Final product
- · Hourly rates

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The Follow-Up

- Organize the options
- Balancing factors
- Examples of previous projects
- Clear objectives
- Timetable
- Deposit

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Archive vs. Researcher

- Institutional knowledge
- · Cost-effectiveness
- Rigid focus
- Timetable
- · Language barriers

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Hiring the archive

- Correspond in the language of the institution
- International bank order and direct account transfers
- Moderate the request
- Consult a letter writing guide

