Jewish Genealogy: How Is This Research Different from All Other Research?

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What Do You Want to Do?

Branches of Judaism

What Is Unique or Different about Jewish Research?

- *Bubbe meises*
- Many languages and alphabets
- Naming patterns
- Patronymics (no family names)
- Using mother's maiden name
- Often not citizens
- Community (*kehillah*) and magnate records
- Few religious records
- *Yizkor* (memorial) books and Pages of Testimony
- Landsmanshaftn/burial/benevolent societies
- Rabbinical "genealogies"
- Tombstone (*matzevah*) symbols
- Records from a Jewish perspective

Resources

- JewishGen.org
- SephardicGen.org
- Routes to Roots, https://rtrfoundation.org/index.shtml
- Facebook: Tracing the Tribe, Jewish Genealogy Portal, translation, location-based
- IAJGS.org
- Holocaust education and resources, https://www.holocaustmuseumla.org/ and https://www.museumoftolerance.com/
- LDS FamilySearch Centers, https://www.familysearch.org/
- National Archives, https://www.archives.gov/
- DoroTree Family Tree Program, https://www.dorotree.com/

Then What Do You Do with It?

- Share information with family members: e-mail, print and mail
- Maybe publish a book (not as hard as you think!)
- Donate copy of information to genealogical and/or historical societies, libraries, archives
- Put family tree online; maybe collaborate with others