

Tracing Your Jewish Roots Workshop
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*Unearthed: A Lost Actress, A Forbidden Book and
A Search for Life in the Shadow of the Holocaust.*

1. Please prepare family tree (provided) and worksheets for Jewish genealogy session with as much information as you are able to collect. Bring laptop with you, if possible.
2. What is your goal? Is there a specific person or family that you are trying to find?
3. Have you attempted to create a family tree or do you have access to a family tree created by others? If so, please bring with you to Jewish genealogy session.
4. Do you have any oral histories that you can mine for information?
5. Fill out Worksheet #1 - family tree - to the best of your ability. This will make the rest easier. If you are unable to complete worksheet, ask relatives, make an educated guess, or leave it blank. Searching is part of the fun!
6. Record all names known in: English/Hebrew/Yiddish and nicknames. Always remember to list maiden name for women. If possible, list place and date of birth and death. Remember, names of towns changed often. We have access to lists of towns with name changes.
7. Gather copies of any documents (old family trees, passports, citizenship papers, letters etc)
8. Gather oldest family photos that you have. Ask extended family members if they have photos of ancestors, particularly those photos from before they came to the US. Please feel free to bring those photos to the workshop. There is no need to bring originals, rather, simply take a photo or xerox copy of photo and flipside of photo.
9. Gather a list of family Surnames names, include variants.
10. Register for family tree service on-line. free/paid family trees. I will be using ancestry.com and myheritage.com as well as others. NOTE: ancestry.com is running a 30% off special for members of AARP.

Jewish Genealogy Worksheet

Your birth name/s:

Date and place of birth:

Were you named for someone?

Places you lived:

Did you immigrate to the US? If so, when and from which town and country?

Your spouse's name/s: Birthdate/s:

Date of marriage/s:

Is your spouse alive or deceased? If deceased, date and place of death?

Children's names with sex, date and place of birth:

1.

2.

3.

4.

(add additional children in notes)

Your sibling's names, date and place of birth:

1.

2.

3.

4.

Notes: (any additional information)

YOUR PATERNAL FAMILY

YOUR FATHER

Birth name/s:

Date and place of birth:

Were they named for someone?

Places lived:

Did they immigrate to the US? If so, when and from which town and country?

Spouse name/s: Birthdate/s:

Date of marriage/s:

Spouse alive or deceased? If deceased, date and place of death?

Children's names with sex, date and place of birth:

1.

2.

3.

4.

(add additional children in notes)

Siblings' names, date and place of birth:

1.

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4.

Notes: (any additional information)

Your Father's Father (Paternal Grandfather)

Birth name/s:

Date and place of birth:

Were they named for someone?

Places lived:

Did they immigrate to the US? If so, when and from which town and country?

Spouse name/s: Birthdate/s:

Date of marriage/s:

Spouse alive or deceased? If deceased, date and place of death?

His children's names with sex, date and place of birth:

1.

2.

3.

4.

(add additional children in notes)

His parent's names (Great-Grandparents), date and place of birth/death?

Great-grandfather:

Great-grandmother:

His sibling's names, date and place of birth:

1.

2.

3.

4.

Notes: (any additional information)

Your Father's Mother (Paternal Grandmother)

Birth name/s:

Date and place of birth:

Were they named for someone?

Places lived:

Did they immigrate to the US? If so, when and from which town and country?

Spouse name/s: Birthdate/s:

Date of marriage/s:

Spouse alive or deceased? If deceased, date and place of death?

Her children's names with sex, date and place of birth:

1.

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(add additional children in notes)

Her parent's names (Great-Grandparents), date and place of birth/death?

Great-grandfather:

Great-grandmother:

Her sibling's names, date and place of birth:

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4.

Notes: (any additional information)

Maternal Family

Your Mother

Birth name/s:

Date and place of birth:

Were they named for someone?

Places lived:

Did they immigrate to the US? If so, when and from which town and country?

Spouse name/s: Birthdate/s:

Date of marriage/s:

Spouse alive or deceased? If deceased, date and place of death?

Children's names with sex, date and place of birth:

1.

2.

3.

4.

(add additional children in notes)

Siblings' names, date and place of birth:

1.

2.

3.

4.

Notes: (any additional information)

Your Mother's Father (Maternal Grandfather)

Birth name/s:

Date and place of birth:

Were they named for someone?

Places lived:

Did they immigrate to the US? If so, when and from which town and country?

Spouse name/s: Birthdate/s:

Date of marriage/s:

Spouse alive or deceased? If deceased, date and place of death?

His children's names with sex, date and place of birth:

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2.

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4.

(add additional children in notes)

His parent's names (Great-Grandparents), date and place of birth/death?

Great-grandfather:

Great-grandmother:

His sibling's names, date and place of birth:

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4.

Notes: (any additional information)

Your Mother's Mother (Maternal Grandmother)

Birth name/s:

Date and place of birth:

Were they named for someone?

Places lived:

Did they immigrate to the US? If so, when and from which town and country?

Spouse name/s: Birthdate/s:

Date of marriage/s:

Spouse alive or deceased? If deceased, date and place of death?

Her children's names with sex, date and place of birth:

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4.

(add additional children in notes)

Her parent's names (Great-Grandparents), date and place of birth/death?

Great-grandfather:

Great-grandmother:

Her sibling's names, date and place of birth:

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4.

Notes: (any additional information)

Holocaust and Your Family

Are you aware of any relatives who were in Europe during holocaust?

Relatives' names, place of birth, place lived, place during war? Did they survive?

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2.

3.

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Notes: (any additional information)

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