My Genealogy Steps writing my Books .

Collecting Data to begin with:-

To start my search, I looked at the birthplace of my family. Mum was from Lithuania; Dad was from Poland.
I researched the history of what happened to them and their ancestors and the Jewish population. That was the start of my book detailing all the events before that had befallen my family and the Jewish People in their Towns and cities. I then compiled and wrote a history including events, pictures and maps and started compiling my book, I circled important parts using Microsoft word to highlight specific towns or people. And compiled a word document that I could edit and continually save.
When I was satisfied with my document, I converted it to a pdf.
This allowed me to send my document already spell checked and fully edited to the publishing company to create my book. This process although tedious saved me a lot of money as I wanted hard copies of my book printed.

Steps

Once I listed all the relatives that I knew about, I spoke to my family who advised me of other family members they knew about, I only needed to contact 1 in any country to be able to find all of therm. I travelled to each country to interview my family. I did not have Zoom in those days and whilst there I took notes, took pictures of their photos that I could edit and put in the book. Todays you can do this using Zoom.
Each Family were happy to give me additional contacts of families in other countries. I then went to visit them and interviewed the next branch of my tree, I arrived with a list of questions and a camera.
This is an important step You must make a preliminary list of questions to ask your relatives about, that way you have all the information you need.

These questions could include for example:
Whom were you grandparents – Grandfather – Grandmother- when and where were they born and when did they pass away and where – when were they married and where – who were their children -when were the children born and so one.
You can now accomplish this via Zoom without going overseas. Ask for pictures, you can always edit the picture to crop each person.
Once you have identified and made a complete tree with all the branches of you family, you are ready to take the next step.
As you write the chapters of your family. You we need to write a book from the start of your tree to the end include pictures and a history of each family.
Each family was a new chapter starting with the earliest Ancestor and making your way down through the family to all the descendants.

I use JRI Poland and Jewishgen for a lot of my information as well as Google and **most of all talking to family members** for their information.
You will need to create an account with both Jewishgen also JLI Poland. JewishGen also has information from Lithuanian/Latvia and many more counties listed.
For UK family information the office of Births Deaths and Marriages in the UK , a great number of Jews left England pre 1900 and their records are great. Remember that you families could easily have changed their names in England as mine did.

Create a folder and save each piece of information to that folder, you can create sub folders to make it easier.
For birth-death- marriages in Europe you will need to send out bulk emails to the local municipalities (Councils) as each council has their own records for births death and marriages - not like the UK

1. This is how I first started
   – I started with the earliest Ancestor in my case my Grandfather on my father's side
   - The On my Mother's side the earliest ancestor that was my Grandfather
   - Also, on my mother's side the earliest ancestor that was my grandmother.
2. Next you will need to create a family tree on paper of the ancestor and then follow up with his/or her children these may be aunts or uncles of you. You could find family tree makers on line. I used a program Called Eureka Family Tree Creator , you van use any family tree software. My Software allowed me to add pictures and details of each person and created a tree in full colour of branches or the entire tree, it also allowed me to cut and paste branches to place these in my story.
3. To continue to make branches of each family in my case I chose the countries they lived in to make my branches. I.e. Belgium, Argentina, Israel, Canada, UK, Australia.
4. I wrote down a list of questions this is important because people general stray away for questions and you will need to gather all the data to complete each person-branch-tree.

Ok so now I have the data.
At this stage you will need to go through your data and edit spelling mistakes and change any incorrect data, I did this a large number of times and then went back to the family to confirm all details were correct.

You can search for a publisher to print your books. I use a company call **The Book Printing Company 90 Robertson Rd Killarney Vale NSW.**
To save a lot of money, you will need to edit- scan for mistakes and create your own PDF file first.

Now it the time for you to search out where you can upload your books to, and how best to get your book seen.
You can leave you details in Jewishgen if other relatives may be searching for the same family.

Getting your books on the Web:-

I sent copies to 3 different organizations:-

1. The Tel Aviv University – Beit Hatfutsot
2. Yad Vashem in Israel
3. The Washington Holocaust Memorial Museum.

The Washington Memorial Museum uploaded my books to the Web, now if you search Marvin Bude Books on Google there are all my books on the Web for free and it can be downloaded to anyone.

It was important for me to create a history of all that happened to my family at the start of the book, this allowed anyone to instantly see what was happening to my family and the Jewish men and women of that era.

I created Chapters of each family an in the front of the book I created a "Contents Page" and listed each Chapter numerically. From the first brother or sister through to the last brother or Sister that way each family could go directly to their family to see their information.

At the end of the book, I created an index and noted each person with a page number where they could be found, some people had numerous pages because they appeared in different pages or sections.

Please remember that the information you possess, must be passed, it is the only record available and it would be terrible loss if you passed away without giving your knowledge and history to anyone. It forms a base that would give anyone the chance to continue to build on the valuable foundation you established.

You contribution to family is Important.

I have made a handout with details of the list of places, names and contact details please note they may have changed since in used them last. that I sent my data to, and the name of my book publisher and contact details.

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