



Australian Jewish Genealogical
Society (Vic) Inc

ROOTS PROJECTS

The AJGS Vic can help you with your research:

<https://ajgs-vic.org.au/>

Go to the website and find links to websites.

<https://ajgs-vic.org.au/resources/>

The following can be used as a guide:

You might look for **family documents**

You might look for **photos of parents and grandparents**

You might look for **birth, marriage and death records**

You might look for **marriage Ketubah (if appropriate)**

You might look for **(place, town or city) of birth, marriage and death**

You might look for **Immigration and Naturalisation Records**

You might look for **shipping records, passenger arrival lists and name of ship**

You might look for **cemetery records**

You might look for **military records; WW1, WW2, Vietnam**

You might look for **probate records or wills**

You might look for **census lists**

You might look for **old prayer books with family information**

You might look for **Holocaust records: Yad Vashem, U.S.H.M.M and Arolsen Archives and Yizkor books**

ASK US IF YOU NEED HELP - <https://ajgs-vic.org.au/ajgsvictoria@gmail.com>



Australian Jewish Genealogical Society(Vic) Inc.

The **AJGS (Vic) Inc.** is a non-profit organisation, dedicated to collecting, preserving and disseminating genealogical information, techniques and research tools among people interested in Jewish genealogy and family history.

There are Jewish genealogical societies in the ACT, New South Wales, South Australia and Western Australia.

Founded in 1997, the AJGS (Vic) has about 180 members. The society is governed by a Committee of Management, and in accordance with its by-laws, all members are encouraged to volunteer and participate in the operation of the organisation. Anyone interested in Jewish genealogy, regardless of religion or ethnicity, is welcome to become a member.

We are a member of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS), connecting its members with more than 80 Jewish genealogical societies around the world.

We have members with a broad range of genealogical skills and knowledge who are willing to share information with both beginning and experienced family researchers.

Objectives

The AJGS (Vic) aims to:

- Encourage Jewish family research
- Educate society members and the public on Jewish genealogy through lectures, seminars and workshops
- Stimulate and provide instruction in the use of research methodology and adherence to standards of accuracy and thoroughness, and
- Promote the preservation of and access to Jewish genealogical records and resources.

Meetings

Meetings are held regularly and provide a mix of lectures, workshops and panels geared to assist genealogists in the search for their Jewish roots. The meetings also provide the opportunity to network with others researching similar areas and family history.

Contact us

AJGS (Vic) Inc,
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Camberwell West, Vic,3124



AJGS VIC Library resources

We have a collection of Jewish genealogically relevant books, databases, Australian Jewish records and journals.

Our library collection is housed at the **Lamm Jewish Library of Australia**,

304 Hawthorn Road, Caulfield South, Victoria 3162. The online catalogue is at www.ljla.org.au

The resource room is only available by appointment.

We are there to help with research and getting past road blocks. Please email: ajgsvictoria@gmail.com

Web Links for research www.ajgs-vic.org.au

Membership:

Single membership: \$35 Family membership: \$50
Concession (students and pensioners): \$20

Membership is paid annually, and there are reduced entry fees to meetings and a reduction in cost to join the Lamm Jewish Library of Australia.

Membership forms are available on the AJGS (Vic) website.

Website: www.ajgs-vic.org.au
Email: ajgsvictoria@gmail.com





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HOW TO SUCCEED AT FAMILY RESEARCH IN 7 SIMPLE STEPS

Step 1. Take the time to talk to any of your relatives. Whatever you do, ask parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles or cousins what they know about your family's past. Take video of interviews.

Step 2. Check out the many free genealogy websites that contain oodles of unique, helpful information.

Step 3. There are already so many wonderful family trees on the web. Check them out, **but verify the information.**

Step 4. Cite your sources. The details are what's important, and where those details come from. Sources provide credibility or valuable context to a fact.

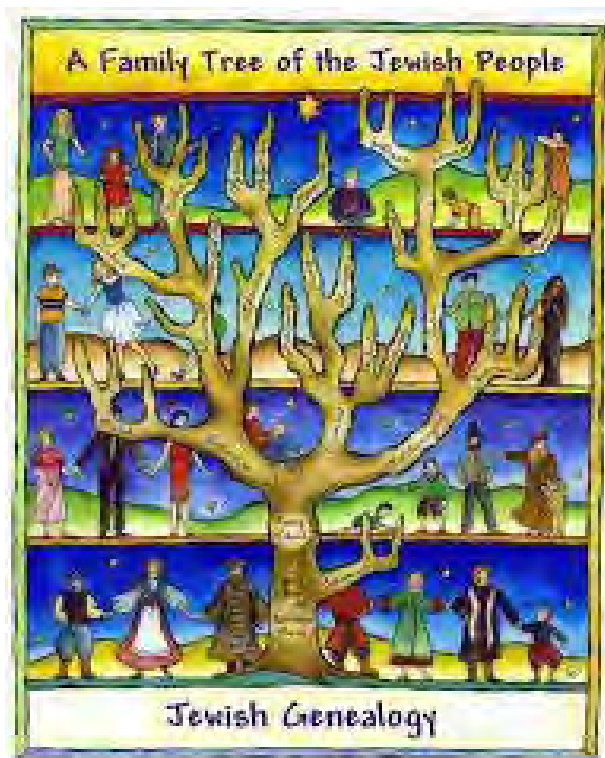
Step 5. Back up your data to more than one location.

Step 6. Don't be sloppy.

Step 7. Don't give up easily. Keep researching.



ROOTS PROJECT HOW TO USE JEWISHGEN



**Australian Jewish Genealogical Society
(Vic)**

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JOIN JEWISHGEN

The best place to start your research is to join
JewishGen



- JewishGen is a **free, easy-to-use** genealogy website featuring tens of millions of records, research tools, and other resources to help those with Jewish ancestry research and find family members.
- JewishGen is run by **volunteers**.
- You need to **register** to use their site. It is easy to do.

JEWISHGEN

Home Page

[Website](https://www.jewishgen.org)

<https://www.jewishgen.org>

Once you join, they will email your log-in details.

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The Global Home for Jewish Genealogy

Login to JewishGen

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ABOUT US GET STARTED DATABASES RESEARCH DONATE

Welcome to JewishGen.org - The Global Home for Jewish Genealogy
Click the links below to get started.

SEARCH
Tens of Millions of Jewish Records

DISCOVER
Your Ancestral Town

EXPLORE
What Life Was Like For Your Ancestors

CONNECT
On the JewishGen Discussion Group

GET INVOLVED
Join the Volunteer Team

DONATE
Support Our Important Work

SOME FEATURES OF JEWISHGEN

JewishGen Family Finder

Holocaust Database

Yizkor Books

Sephardic Research

and much more!



MORE FEATURES OF JEWISHGEN

JewishGen has various searchable databases which include information on the following countries:

Belarus	Romania
Germany	Moldova
Lithuania	South Africa
Germany	Syria
Hungary	Canada
Ukraine	France
United Kingdom	Latin America
United States of America	Czech Republic
Scandinavia	Austria
Israel	Poland
Latvia	Netherlands

Some of these databases don't have much information while others have countless entries.

HOW TO USE JEWISHGEN – STEP 1



The screenshot shows the JewishGen website homepage. At the top left is the JewishGen logo, a stylized blue and green flower, with the text "JewishGen" and "מרכז עולמי לגנאלוגיה יהודית" and "The Global Home for Jewish Genealogy". At the top right is a "Login to JewishGen" link with a blue arrow pointing to it, and a logo for "An affiliate of MUSEUM OF JEWISH HERITAGE A LIVING MEMORIAL TO THE HOLOCAUST". Below the header is a navigation bar with buttons for "ABOUT US", "GET STARTED", "DATABASES", "RESEARCH", and "DONATE". The main content area has a welcome message: "Welcome to JewishGen.org - The Global Home for Jewish Genealogy" and "Click the links below to get started." Below this are six circular icons with text: "SEARCH" (Tens of Millions of Jewish Records), "DISCOVER" (Your Ancestral Town), "EXPLORE" (What Life Was Like For Your Ancestors), "CONNECT" (On the JewishGen Discussion Group), "GET INVOLVED" (Join the Volunteer Team), and "DONATE" (Support Our Important Work).

Once you have received your log-in details, log in and
click on **Research**.

HOW TO USE JEWISHGEN – STEP 2

The form above allows you to search all of the text on JewishGen's web pages.

Note that this search does **not** include JewishGen's databases, which must be searched separately:

- To search for family surnames and ancestral towns, search the [JewishGen Family Finder](#).
- To search JewishGen's other databases, see the [JewishGen Databases index](#).



Once you click on Research, it will take you to this screen. To search for all the databases, click on [JewishGen Databases Index](#).

HOW TO USE JEWISHGEN – STEP 3

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ABOUT US GET STARTED DATABASES RESEARCH DONATE

Home » JewishGen Databases

General	Eastern Europe	Belarus	Latvia	Lithuania
Poland	Germany	Austria / Czech	Hungary	Romania / Moldova
Ukraine	United Kingdom	France	Scandinavia	South Africa
Israel	Syria	United States	Canada	Latin America
Netherlands	Sephardic	Crypto Jewish	Miriam Weiner	Jeff Malka Sephardic

General:

- Unified Search**
Explore millions of records from around the world, including more than 3.69 million records related to the Holocaust, and more than 4.1 million burial records. Records are continually updated/added.
- The JewishGen Family Finder (JGFF)**
Surnames and ancestral towns being researched by 110,000 Jewish genealogists worldwide. More than 600,000 entries.
- The Family Tree of the Jewish People (FTJP)**
Data on more than eight million people, from family trees submitted by 6,000 Jewish genealogists worldwide.
- The JewishGen Communities Database**
Historical names and jurisdictions, maps, JewishGen links and resources for more than 6,000 Jewish communities in Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East.
- The JewishGen Gazetteer**
Locate places in Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East, by name or location. U.S. Board on Geographic Names data for 54 countries.
- The JewishGen Holocaust Database**
More than 2.75 million entries regarding Holocaust victims and survivors, from many sources.
- Miriam Weiner: Routes To Roots Collection**
New Partnership with Miriam Weiner & The Routes to Roots Foundation
- The JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry (JOWBR)**
More than three million entries from cemeteries and burial records worldwide, from 7,500 cemeteries in 128 countries.
- The JewishGen Memorial Plaques Database**
Information from synagogue yahrzeit plaques and other memorial records. 177,000 records from 263 synagogues.
- The JewishGen Discussion Group message Archives**
Search more than 588,000 topics. 1993-date.
- Jewish Records at the Family History Library**
An inventory of the Jewish-specific resources at the LDS Family History Library in Salt Lake City.
- Ellis Island Foundation Database**
One-Step Search Tools — enhanced search capabilities for easier access to data on www.ellisland.org.

Once you click on JewishGen Databases Index, it will take you to this list containing the **databases**. Once you click on the country you are researching which is at the top of the screen, it will take you to the **country at the bottom of this screen** where you can start your research.

AN EXAMPLE OF RESEARCHING IN LITHUANIA

Lithuania:



[The JewishGen Lithuania Database](#)



More than 2.3 million records for Lithuania, from a variety of sources, including: vital records, Revision Lists, business directories, voter lists, Yizkor books, cemetery records, Holocaust sources, and more.

This database includes the [LitvakSIG "All Lithuania" Database](#)

Click on the **JewishGen Lithuania Database**.

HOW TO RESEARCH – STEP 1

JewishGen Lithuania Collection

The *JewishGen Lithuania Collection* is a multiple-database search, which incorporates all of the databases listed below. In total, the collection includes more than 2.4 million records.

How do I get the best Search Results?

Surname Phonetically Like

Data Type Search Type

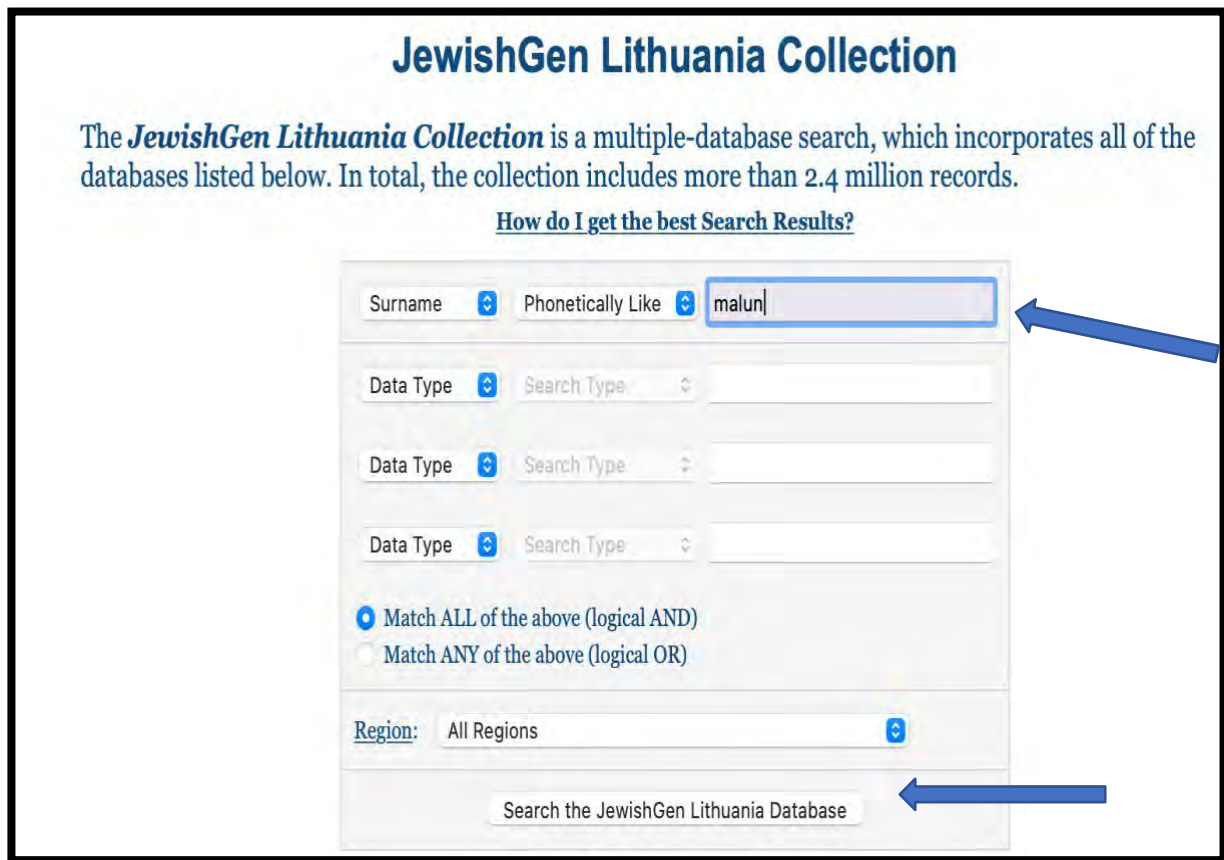
Data Type Search Type

Data Type Search Type

Match ALL of the above (logical AND)
 Match ANY of the above (logical OR)

Region:

Search the JewishGen Lithuania Database



Once you click on The **JewishGen Lithuania Database**, it will take you to this screen.

By picking **phonetically like**, it gives you a variety of different spellings for the surname you are researching which you will see on the next slide. I have used the surname **MALUN** as an example.

Remember that how you spell your surname now, may not be the way your ancestors spelled it.

Click on **Search the JewishGen Lithuania Database**.

HOW TO RESEARCH – STEP 2

Surname (phonetically like) : MALUN
Run on Sun, 23 Jan 2022 14:57:31 -0700

Description	Press the Button to view the matches
 JewishGen Family Finder →	List 4 records
 LitvakSIG <small>Lithuanian Jewish special interest group</small> Lithuania Births →	List 12 records
 LitvakSIG <small>Lithuanian Jewish special interest group</small> Lithuania Deaths →	List 4 records
 LitvakSIG <small>Lithuanian Jewish special interest group</small> Lithuania Marriages and Divorces →	List 3 records
Lithuania Internal Passports Database, 1919-1940 →	List 9 records
 LitvakSIG <small>Lithuanian Jewish special interest group</small> Tax and Voters Lists →	List 2 records
The 1915 Vsia Vilna Database →	List 2 records
 LitvakSIG <small>Lithuanian Jewish special interest group</small> The All Lithuania Revision List Database →	List 38 records



After clicking on **Search the JewishGen Lithuania Database**, this screen will appear which shows you all the different places where the name **MALUN** appears. The I find most useful, is the last one, **The All Lithuania Revision List Database** which lists **38 records**. Click on **List 38 records**.

HOW TO RESEARCH – STEP 3

Panevezys Volost	MALUN / MASIUN (?), Girsh	Abram	Head of Household			Registered in Panevezys, lives in the village of Kulbe since 1872			
	MALUN / MASIUN (?), Kreysa		Wife						
Kaunas	MALUN / MASIUN (?), Kalman	Girsh	Son					84	Families Living Out Of Towns; 5th Stan
	MALUN / MASIUN (?), Leyba	Girsh	Son				January	102	
	MALUN / MASIUN (?), Itsyk	Girsh	Son				1898		KRA/I-26/1/2
	MALUN / MASIUN (?), Brayna	Girsh	Daughter						
	MALUN / MASIUN (?), Chana	Girsh	Daughter						
	MALUN / MASIUN (?), Iudasha	Girsh	Daughter						
	MALUN / MASIUN (?), Ester	Girsh	Daughter						

Here you have information on the entire family. **Girsh** is the head of the household, **Abraham** is his father, **Kreysa** is Girsh's wife. Their children: **Kalman, Leyba, Itsyk, Brayna, Chana, Iudasha** and **Esther**.

Note the variations in the spelling of the surname **Malun**.

TIPS

While researching, you may come across someone with the same name as one of your relatives, don't assume that this person is your relative.

Don't assume that your ancestors spelled your surname the same way as it is spelled today.

Ashkenazi Jews have the custom of naming a child after a relative who has passed away. This keeps the name and memory alive.

Sephardic Jews often name their children after living relatives.



GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR RESEARCH

**The Australian Jewish Genealogical
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with your research.**

**You can contact us at
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SOME USEFUL WEBSITES

For websites by country & other links

<http://www.ajgs-vic.org.au/resources/>

JewishGen

<http://www.jewishgen.org/>

You will need to register with a "log in" name:

The screenshot shows the JewishGen website interface. At the top, there is a navigation menu with buttons for 'ABOUT US', 'GET STARTED', 'DATABASES', 'RESEARCH', and 'DONATE'. Below the menu is a table of databases categorized by region:

General	Eastern Europe	Belarus	Latvia	Lithuania
Poland	Germany	Austria / Czech	Hungary	Romania / Moldova
Ukraine	United Kingdom	Scandinavia	Israel	Syria
South Africa	United States	Canada	Utilities	

Below the table, there are several featured databases with descriptions:

- The JewishGen Family Finder (JGFF)**: Surnames and ancestral towns being researched by 100,000 Jewish genealogists worldwide. More than 500,000 entries.
- The Family Tree of the Jewish People (FTJP)**: Data on more than six million people, from family trees submitted by 6,000 Jewish genealogists worldwide.
- The JewishGen Communities Database**: Historical names and jurisdictions, maps, JewishGen links and resources for more than 6,000 Jewish communities in Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East.
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- The JewishGen Memorial Plaques Database**: Information from synagogue yearzeit plaques and other memorial records. 136,000 records from 225 synagogues.
- The JewishGen Discussion Group message Archives**: Search more than 100,000 previous JewishGen postings, 1993-date.

JewishGen Unified search of ALL records

<https://www.jewishgen.org/databases/all/>

Jewishgen List of Countries and info databases

<http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/>

FAMILY TREES ON LINE

Family Tree of the Jewish People

<http://www.jewishgen.org/gedcom/>

My Heritage (\$)

<https://www.myheritage.com>

Ancestry.com.au (\$)

<http://ancestry.com.au/>

Geni (\$)

<http://www.geni.com>

HOLOCAUST

Yad Vashem

<http://yvng.yadvashem.org/index.html?language=en>

Jewish Gen's Holocaust

<http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/Holocaust/>

United States Holocaust Museum

<http://www.ushmm.org/>

Bad Arolsen – International Tracing Service

<https://arolsen-archives.org/en/search-explore/search-online-archive/>

AUSTRALIA

National Archives –Australia <http://naa.gov.au/>
Public Record Office Victoria <http://prov.vic.gov.au/>
Australian Newspapers (includes Jewish News) <https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper>

BURIAL INFORMATION

JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Reg. JOWBR
<http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/Cemetery/>
Melbourne Chevra Kadisha /Search
<http://www.mck.org.au/search>
Billion Graves <https://billiongraves.com/>
Find a Grave <https://www.findagrave.com/>

AREA SPECIFIC

Jewish Records Indexing – Poland <http://jri-poland.org/jriplweb.htm>
JewishGen Kehilalinks <http://kehilalinks.jewishgen.org/>
Gesher Galicia <http://www.geshergalicia.org/>
Dutch Genealogy <http://www.dutchgenealogy.nl/blog/>
Sephardic
<http://www.sephardicgen.com/databases/databases.html>
Israeli Genealogy Research Assoc (IGRA) (\$) <https://genealogy.org.il/>
Turkey Cemetery Records <https://www.jewishgen.org/databases/Cemetery/>
India, Delhi Archives office <http://www.archives.delhi.gov.in/delhiarchive/>

GENERAL RECORDS

Family Search (LDS /Mormon website) <https://familysearch.org/>
Genealogy Indexer <http://genealogyindexer.org/>
Museum of the Jewish People (Beit Hatfutsot) <http://www.bh.org.il/>
Routes to Roots <http://www.rtrfoundation.org/index.shtml>
Cyndi's List – Jewish <http://www.cyndislist.com/jewish>
Jewish Surname Index <http://www.avotaynu.com/csi/csi-result.html?page=original>



AUSTRALIAN JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY (VIC) INC APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name: Mr./Mrs./.....

Address

.....Postcode.....

Telephone Mobile

Email

I wish to join the AJGS (Vic) Inc.

I give permission for the data that I provide on this form to be stored and processed by computer (or manually) for the administrative purposes of the society.

Individual membership	\$35
Family membership	\$50
Concession card holder (pensioner/student)	\$20

Payment amount \$.....

EFT – internet banking:

Account name: AJGS (Vic);

Swift code: WPACAU2S

BSB 033169; **account number** 260802.

Include your name in the EFT description field so we can identify your payment.

Please also email notification of your payment to membershipajgs@iinet.net.au

Signature..... Date.....

Please return this form to: membershipajgs@iinet.net.au

Cheques – payable to: Australian Jewish Genealogical Society (Vic) Inc.

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