



The AJGS (Vic) Newsletter, June 2024

Dear members

Welcome to the June newsletter of AJGS (VIC). I hope you enjoyed the March newsletter. If you have any suggestions as to items you would like to see included in future newsletters, please contact Terry Ashton at ajgsvictoria@gmail.com

Who we are

The Australian Jewish Genealogical Society (Vic) Inc (AJGS Vic) is a non-profit society passionate about encouraging and assisting people in researching their Jewish ancestry. We welcome everyone with an interest in this research area, regardless of ethnicity or background, whether you are researching your family history for connections to Jewish heritage or studying this fascinating and important area of history. We provide access to the AJGS (Vic) research library and the expertise of our specialised researchers; we hold regular meetings; provide workshops and events to support members and provide practical assistance for research on such topics as DNA, using JRI Poland and more.

Welcome to new members

AJGS (VIC) extends a warm welcome to the following new members:

Karen	FORDE
Andrew	HARRIS
Renay	HOWARD
Betty	KONOPNICKI
David	MARLOW
Yolande	McNICOLL
Michelle	MEYER
Ofer	RODELSHEIMER
Braham	SACKS
Eric	SILVER
Marion & Jeff	SIMMELMAN

My interest in genealogy

RODNEY EISFELDER, AJGS (VIC) PRESIDENT

Rodney Eisfelder is a retired computer programmer and has been on the committee since late in the 20th century, apart from a short break around 2001. He has ancestors from all over the former German empire – from Kaliningrad (now in Russia) to Metz (now in France). He has researched in archives and cemeteries in the USA, England, France, Germany, Israel, Australia and New Zealand. He has looked after the Society's marriage database since 2010. He specializes in German research, and the Shanghai refugee community but also has researched Australian, USA, UK, Dutch, French, Polish, Moldovan and New Zealand families.

Genealogical Updates

JRI Poland Digitizes 1941 Radom Ghetto ID Cards and ID Card Applications These documents – of 14,076 Jews residing in the Radom Ghetto in 1941 – are now searchable on the JRI-Poland database, including direct links to the images of 1,136 ID cards and 14,040 ID Card Applications for a total of 15,176 links to document scans. Making this collection an even more invaluable treasure is that nearly 75% of the documents have photos – either on the application or the ID Card or both. For many families, these may be the only surviving photographs of their family members who resided in Radom, the vast majority of whom died in Treblinka in August 1942. Read more from JRI Poland Blog: [1941 Radom Ghetto ID Cards and ID Card Applications | JRI-Poland](#)

Mobile App MyHeritage recently added a powerful, state-of-the-art Photo Scanner to their mobile app. Photo Scanner enables quick and easy scanning of entire album pages or multiple loose photos in a single tap. Read more and view how to use it from their blog: [New: Multi-Photo Scanner on the MyHeritage Mobile App - MyHeritage Blog](#)

Announcing the publication of The Jews of Galicia: A Genealogy Handbook

JewishGen Press is proud to announce our 187th title: “The Jews of Galicia: A Genealogy Handbook” by Suzan Wynne

Details: 324 pages, 6”x9” softcover with photographs and maps

This handbook is designed to guide descendants of Jewish Galitzianers to geographical, historical, cultural, and genealogical information. This revised edition covers the geopolitical history of how Galicia came to be and how Austrian policies impacted Jews; Jewish life, religious life, socioeconomics, customs; surname acquisition; an overview of vital and other documentation of Jewish life; research resources; and the Galician Gazetteer (a list of towns and their main and sub-districts where Jews lived in 1771).

In 1772, the weakness of Poland’s government led to a land grab by Russia, Austria and Prussia. Austria renamed its territory the Crownland of Galicia and Lodomeria. The territory encompassed much of today’s Southern Poland and Western Ukraine. Jews made up about 10 percent of the territory’s population.

Descendants of Jewish Galitzianers will find geographical, historical, cultural, and genealogical information that is vital for understanding the lives of their ancestors.

For more details and how to order, please visit:

<https://www.jewishgen.org/Yizkor/ybip.html> and search for ‘The Jews of Galicia.’

Sephardic World Talks Reaches Milestone The Sephardic Genealogical Society programs have now been viewed over quarter of a million times even though Sephardic World has only been in existence since May 2020. The talks are free to watch and can be accessed at: <https://www.sephardic.world/sephardic-world>. You will find all of the past talks to view as well as having the opportunity to sign up for future Sephardic World Talks.

Upcoming Events-please add these to your diaries:

Sunday, June 16th 2024, 2.30- 4.30 p.m, Glen Eira Town Hall

Join AJGS (VIC) for a presentation by Max Wald & Allan Jankie on June 16th, from 2.30- 4.30 p.m, @ Glen Eira Town Hall. Max & Allan will discuss how to go about researching Polish records. For further information, please email ajgsvictoria@gmail.com

Combined AJHS/AJGS meeting, 11th July, 7:30 pm, Zoom Presentation AEST

Jeff Schneider, Web Developer and Collections Specialist of the AJHS will be speaking at the next combined AJHS / AJGS meeting on Thursday 11 July at 7:30 pm AEST, on 'How to navigate and find resources using the updated AJHS website.' The zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85609500220?pwd=UVpMNkZZYWdub1dITmY3M2gxcDFuUT09>

Jeff will go through a demonstration of the AJHS website, sharing best practices and advanced tips on how to access the vast burial, marriage, archive and many other records that the AJHS holds at <https://www.ajhs.com.au>



For further information go to <https://www.iajgs.org/conference/>

The Australasian Conference - Connections 2025

The Australasian Conference - Connections 2025 - will be held in Brisbane over four days in March 2025. Hosted by the Genealogical Society of Queensland, the conference combines the 17th Australian Conference on Genealogy and Heraldry and 5th History Queensland State Conference. Visit our website for more details - www.connections2025.org.au

Update on Past Events

- ❖ Vice-President, Bernie Kuran's talk where he discussed the origins, types and etymology of Jewish surnames on May 19th to attendees at the Glen Eira Town Hall, was well received.

Resources and Links: Continuing resources available for your genealogical research, here are some further suggestions, this time for those with an Austrian background. Each newsletter, will provide different genealogical resources.

Austria

Austria Jewish Records: Family Search

https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Austria_Jewish_Records/

Austria, Vienna, Jewish Registers of Births, Marriages and Deaths 1784-1911 – Ancestry.com

<https://www.ancestry.com.au/search/collections/9928/>

Austria, Vienna, Jewish Registers of Births, Marriages, and Deaths –FamilySearch Historical Records

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Austria, Vienna, Jewish Registers of Births, Marriages, and Deaths - FamilySearch Historical Records](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Austria,_Vienna,_Jewish_Registers_of_Births,_Marriages,_and_Deaths_-_FamilySearch_Historical_Records)

Austrian Genealogy

<https://www.austriagenweb.org/>

Austrian State Archives 1

<https://www.statearchives.gv.at/>

Austrian State Archives 2

<https://www.oesta.gv.at/>

Central Archives for the History of the Jewish People

<http://cahjp.nli.org.il/>

Gen Team Databases

<https://www.genteam.at/>

JewisGen Austria-Czech Database

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

Jewish Cemeteries in Vienna

<https://www.ikg-wien.at/en/rabbinat/cemeteries/>

Jewish Community (IKG)

<https://www.ikg-wien.at/>

JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Database

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

Registration by Name: Austria Victims of the Holocaust

<https://www.doew.at/personensuche/>

The JewishGen Holocaust Database

<https://www.jewishgen.org/databases/jgform.php/>

Tracing your ancestors in Vienna

<https://www.wien.gv.at/english/history/archives/ancestors.html/>

Visit our website at <https://ajgs-vic.org.au/> where past presentations will help with your research.

Shavuot will be here before you know it, so on behalf the AJGS (VIC) committee, we hope you have a wonderful time with family and friends.

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