

Introduction to Jewish Genealogy - Day 1 - Chat

From Michael Snyder to Everyone: 10:24 AM

Handouts:

Week 1: <https://bit.ly/LnLGenD1>

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Week1: <https://bit.ly/LnLGenC1>

Week2 will be: <https://bit.ly/LnLGenC2>

Michael's Trip Blog:

<http://clayinmyboots.blogspot.com/>

From imarshall1 to Everyone: 10:41 AM

What software did you use to produce the 'Tree'?

From Madeline D to Everyone: 11:54 AM

What software did you use to produce the 'Tree'?

From Michael Snyder to Everyone: 10:42 AM

We'll talk about software next week

The tree was created using Geneologica Grafica

<http://www.genealogicagrafica.nl/>

From Carol Martin to Everyone: 10:41 AM

how did you find out about the name changes?

From Michael Snyder to Everyone: 10:42 AM

I'll talk about name changes in a second

From Carol Martin to Everyone: 10:54 AM

if photos don't have names to identify the people, is there a way to identify them?

From Suzanne Fialkoff to Everyone: 10:58 AM

I'll talk a little about photos. Also there are specialists who can help with that for a fee: Ava Cohn. I can provide contact info after session.

From Ellen Davis, Life Health Home Ins Group to Everyone: 11:15 AM

Michael, my Grandfather and GGPARENTS came from "Propoisk" which is on the naturalization records. Sounds the same but spelled based on sound. I think I figured out the branch we belong to together.

From Michael Snyder to Everyone: 11:19 AM

Ellen .. Propoisk could be the same ... you'd be surprised how stuff gets spelled

However, there are many places in Eastern Europe with similar sounding names.

From Diane Levitus to Everyone: 11:16 AM

Michael, When you went to archives in Ukraine, did you have a translator there with you? If not, how did you recognize family names and info?

When I went to Ukraine and Lithuania I had a personal Tour Guide and translator that went everywhere with us. So, I had my own translator with me. But, there are lots of resources for translating documents.

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From Diane Levitus to Everyone: 11:20 AM

Michael, Hyatt means tailor in Yiddish. I know a Hyatt family who used to live in MD, now in Nashville.

From Michael Snyder to Everyone: 11:24 AM

Diane, Yes, Hyatt and Chait and Khait and Chyate all are the same name ... spelling doesn't count

Chiat is a very common name (yes, it's Tailor)

From Ellen Davis, Life Health Home Ins Group to Everyone: 11:20 AM

Michael I think it is. Excellent presentation and I loved the excitement!

From Me to Everyone: 11:22 AM

Thanks for coming .. cus!

From Michael Snyder to Everyone: 11:29 AM

Cecelia do you have a question ... your hand is up

From Diane Levitus to Everyone: 11:37 AM

When did people start taking last names? I found an ancestor born in the mid-1700's named Itzhak Kahana. His son was named Mortche Leib Goldenthal. I think Goldenthal could be a new last name.

From Michael Snyder to Everyone: 11:42 AM

@Diane .. it depends where your family is from ... Italy, France, and Germany started in the 1400's or earlier .. The last was Russia in 1804 Czar Alexander I required all Jews to have Last Names.

Many had started using last names earlier, especially if they were Merchants

From Diane Levitus to Everyone: 11:42 AM

Romania

From Michael Snyder to Everyone: 11:44 AM

@Diane I don't know about Romaina ... but you need to know what it was then ... but you can Google it.

From Diane Levitus to Everyone: 11:45 AM

It was Romania, now it's Moldova.

From JewishGen:

Surname adoption for Jews began to be required by the various governments during the late 18th and early 19th centuries. The Austrian Empire (1787) was the first to require this, and was followed by edicts from the Russian Tzar for the Pale of Settlement (in 1804, and again in 1835 and 1845), and for the Russian Kingdom of Poland (1821). Napoleon inspired France (1808) to take this modern step, which was followed by various German states: Frankfurt (1807), Baden (1809), Westphalia (1812), Prussia (1812), Bavaria (1813), Württemberg (1828), Posen (1833), and Saxony (1834). Jewish surnames were not required in Romania until the 1870s, or in Turkey until 1934.

From Nancy Navarro to Everyone: 11:43 AM

What if there are multiple towns supposedly that are of the same name, or at least, the only name you were given. How to narrow it down?

(Maybe that question is too broad...)

From Michael Snyder to Everyone: 11:45 AM

@Nancy, yes many towns had the same name ... that's the part of the research that is FUN (LOL)

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From Nancy Navarro to Everyone: 11:46 AM
Sue - just said, Jewish Records what? (starts with I)
missed the last word
From Michael Snyder to Everyone: 11:48 AM
@Nancy, sorry I missed it

From Diane Levitus to Everyone: 11:48 AM
Where are ships' manifests for Philadelphia and Boston?

From Michael Snyder to Everyone: 11:53 AM
Ships Manifests are in Stephen Morse
sorry for the spelling
From Lois and Neil Sbar to Everyone: 11:53 AM
How to spell that? SteveMorris.com?
From Michael Snyder to Everyone: 11:53 AM
<https://stevemorse.org/>

From Diane Levitus to Everyone: 11:48 AM
Does LDS center have European vital records or just English ones?

From imarshall11 to Everyone: 11:51 AM
FM Marshall Levy - What is ViewMate?

From Nancy Navarro to Everyone: 11:55 AM
Can you just say some more briefly re LDS Center in Kensington? W/hat is it?

From Terry to Everyone: 11:56 AM
great presentation! Thank you!

From Jim Lieberman to Everyone: 11:56 AM
I have a program called Family Tree Maker - which I don't know if it is still available
From Michael Snyder to Everyone: 12:02 PM
Family Tree Maker: <https://www.mackiev.com/ftm/>

From Gail Sondra to Everyone: 12:03 PM
I was contacted by a temple member who found relatives to my daughter in law in their tree and I thought it was cool, but it freaked my daughter in law out. So, the info is out there and not under our total control.
From Michael Snyder:
We addressed security of records during the Question & Answers
If a person is deceased, most records are available to the public; including Social Security Numbers. (yikes)
If a Census is greater than 72 years then the records are public. The 1950 census records will be released in April 2022.

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Just like other things on the internet, personal information can be found; including Year Books, Residences, Home Ownership, Facebook, Ships Manifests; and much more.

Thanks this was great. Denise and Sandy