The Resource Center welcomes you to explore the variety of computer databases, reference books, and translation services available in our two Resource Center rooms, conveniently located across from each other on the 4th floor.

Books & Translations

| Winthrop Room - 4th floor |

Databases & Consultations

| Whittier Room - 4th floor |

Hours (for both rooms)

| Sunday | 1pm – 6pm |
| Monday | 9am – 6pm |
| Tuesday | Winthrop 9am – 6pm |
| Whittier | 9am – 9pm* |
| Wednesday & Thursday | 9am – 6pm |
| Friday | 9am – 12pm |

*ProQuest Databases are available only on Tuesday, 9am – 9pm

BOOKS & TRANSLATIONS (WINTHROP ROOM – 4TH FLOOR)

This room includes selected reference books that will help you start your research, discover your surname origins, learn about country-specific genealogical resources, understand Hebrew gravestone inscriptions, etc. A complete listing of the titles is available in the Syllabus and in the Winthrop Room.

Books can be borrowed for use only in the Winthrop Room by leaving a government-issued photo ID or passport with Resource Center staff.

Translation services will be provided by appointment only and the appointments are scheduled for 20 minutes each. Please come to the Winthrop Room to sign up.

DATABASES & CONSULTATIONS (WHITTIER ROOM – 4TH FLOOR)

30 computers will be available for complimentary searching of more than 20 databases. Most of these databases are normally available only by subscription or membership fees. The computers are available on a first-come-first-served basis, and their use is limited to 30 minutes when there are people waiting to use them.

Special research assistance will be provided by representatives of JewishGen, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Ancestry.com and the American Jewish Historical Society-New England Archives. The dates and times will be listed in the Whittier Room.
REFERENCE BOOK COLLECTION

Located within the Resource Center are the following reference materials:

-RESEARCH GUIDES

Malika, Jeffrey S.
Sephardic Genealogy: Discovering Your Sephardic Ancestors and Their World

Mokotoff, Gary, and Blatt, Warren.
Getting Started in Jewish Genealogy

Sack, Sallyann and Gary Mokotoff, eds.
Avotaynu Guide to Jewish Genealogy

Segal, Joshua L, Rabbi.

Zubatsky, David S., and Berent, Irwin M.
Sourcebook for Jewish Genealogies and Family Histories.

-DICTIO N A RIES OF N A M ES

Beider, Alexander.
A Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from the Kingdom of Poland.

Beider, Alexander.
A Dictionary of Ashkenazic Given Names: Their Origins, Structure, Pronunciation, and Migrations.

Beider, Alexander.
A Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from Galicia.

Beider, Alexander.
A Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from the Russian Empire.

Faiguenboim, Guilherme, Paulo Valadares and Anna Rosa Campagnano.
Dictionary of Sephardic Surnames.

Feldblyum, Boris.
Russian-Jewish Given Names: Their Origins and Variants.

Gorr, Rabbi Shmuel.
Jewish Personal Names: Their Origin, Derivation and Diminutive Forms.

Menk, Lars.
A Dictionary of German-Jewish Surnames.

-JEW ISH COMMUNITIES

Cohen, Chester.
Shtetl Finder.

Mokotoff, Gary and Sack, Sallyann Amdur.
Where Once We Walked: A Guide to the Jewish Communities Destroyed in the Holocaust.

Spector, Shmuel.
The Encyclopedia of Jewish Life Before and During the Holocaust.

-TRANSLA TIO N G U ID ES

Frazin, Judith R.
A Translation Guide to 19th-Century Polish Language Civil Registration Documents. (Including Birth, Marriage, and Death Records)

Following the Paper Trail: A Multilingual Translation Guide.

In Their Words: A Genealogists Translation Guide to Polish, German, Latin, and Russian Documents.
COUNTRY RESEARCH

Austria
Skyte, Thea, Randol Schoenberg and Rosemary Wenzerul, eds.,
*A Guide to Jewish Genealogy in Germany & Austria.*

Estonia
Beare, Arlene.
*A Guide to Jewish Genealogy in Latvia and Estonia.*

France
Klarsfeld, Serge.
*Memorial to the Jews Deported from France, 1942-1944: Documentation of the Deportation of the Victims of the Final Solution in France.*

Galicia
Wynne, Suzan F.

Germany
Skyte, Thea, Randol Schoenberg and Rosemary Wenzerul, eds.,
*A Guide to Jewish Genealogy in Germany & Austria.*

Hungary
Auslander, Jordan.
*Genealogical Gazetteer of the Kingdom of Hungary.*

Israel
Sack, Sallyann Amdur.
*A Guide to Jewish Genealogical Research in Israel.*

Latvia
Beare, Arlene.
*A Guide to Jewish Genealogy in Latvia and Estonia.*

Lithuania
Aaron, Sam, ed.,
*A Guide to Jewish Genealogy in Lithuania.*

*Preserving Our Litvak Heritage: A History of 31 Jewish Communities in Lithuania.*
League City TX: JewishGen Inc., 2005. 2 volumes.

Rosin, Josef.
*Protecting Our Litvak Heritage: A History of 50 Jewish Communities in Lithuania.*

Moldova
Weiner, Miriam, in cooperation with the Ukrainian State Archives and Moldovan National Archives.
*Jewish Roots in Ukraine and Moldova: Pages from the Past and Archival Inventories.*

Poland
Fifer, Susan.
*A Guide to Jewish Genealogy in Poland.*

Luft, Edward David.
*The Naturalized Jews of the Grand Duchy of Posen in 1834 and 1835.*

Weiner, Miriam, in cooperation with the Polish State Archives.
*Jewish Roots in Poland: Pages from the Past and Archival Inventories.*

South Africa
Newman, Aubrey N., Nicholas J. Evans, et al., eds.
*Jewish Migration to South Africa: The Records of the Poor Jews Temporary Shelter, 1885-1914.*
Capetown, South Africa: University of Capetown, 2006.

Ukraine
Weiner, Miriam, in cooperation with the Ukrainian State Archives and Moldovan National Archives.
*Jewish Roots in Ukraine and Moldova: Pages from the Past and Archival Inventories.*

United Kingdom
Wenzerul, Rosemary.
*A Guide to Jewish Genealogy in the United Kingdom.*
NEW ENGLAND RESOURCES

Connecticut
Hoffman, Betty N. Jewish West Hartford: From City to Suburb. Charleston: History Press, 2007

Maine

Massachusetts Cemeteries
Jewish Cemetery Association of Massachusetts. History & Guide: Massachusetts Jewish Cemeteries. Newton, MA: JCAM,

Boston
Morris, Norm. Ghetto Memories: Growing up in Dorchester/Roxbury/Mattapan. (Self-published, 1999)
Morris, Norm. Ghetto Memories Revisited: Dorchester/Roxbury/Mattapan. (Self-published, 2001)


Haverhill
Woodman, Bertha. From the Hill to Main Street. Haverhill, Mass.: Trustees of the Haverhill Public Library, 1987

Lawrence

Lowell

New Bedford

North Shore

Plymouth

Rhode Island
RESOURCE CENTER DATABASES

The following databases are available at the computers in the Resource Center

Accessible Archives
Accessible Archives
A large, unique collection of 18th and 19th century American newspapers, periodicals, and books.

American Jewish Historical Society
New England Archives
Digital Archive
Selected digitized documents from the AJHS archives of New England-based individuals, families, community and social service organizations.

Ancestry.com
Ancestry.com World Edition
Unlimited access to all the historical records and images on Ancestry.com.

Cercle de Généalogie Juive
Access to entire website, including contents to the Member’s Corner

GALE/Cengage Learning
19th Century British Newspapers
A collection of 48 national, regional, and local 19th century British newspapers.
19th Century US Newspapers
A collection of 500 US newspapers from the 19th century.

Fold3.com
Fold3.com
Collection of US Military records.

GenTeam Die Genealogishche Databank-Austria
Access to the entire website, including:
Index of the Jewish Records of Vienna
Resignations from the Jewish Community in Vienna between 1868 and 1914
Converts in Vienna
Burials in Vieniess Jewish Cemeteries
Organization of genealogists and historians who produce databases related to Austria and neighboring lands.

Godfrey Memorial Library
Godfrey Scholar Library Edition
Includes Godfrey’s unique digitized content, including books, documents, and records. Searchable database of photos and descriptions of every tombstone in more than 800 Connecticut cemeteries.

Israel Genealogical Society
EIRI (Eretz Israel Records Indexing)
Volunteer-created databases that include more than 400,000 records and around 20,000 different surnames of individuals.

Israel Genealogical Research Association
All Israel Database (AID)
Includes some 156,500 records located in more than 100 different databases.

Jewish Daily Forward
Website and archives
Archive to online English edition: 2003 - present
Archives of online Yiddish edition: 1999 - January 2013

JewishGen
The premier online resource for Jewish Genealogy.
JewishGen’s Value Added Services includes Enhanced Database Search Features.
MyHeritage
SuperSearch
*Includes over 4 billion records, including birth, marriage, death, burial, census, military, immigration, and yearbooks.*

NEHGS
New England Historic Genealogical Society
NEHGS Databases
*Includes nearly 3,000 unique searchable online collections.*

Newspapers.com
Newspapers.com
*A collection of 1200 historical US newspapers.*

ProQuest
Historic Map Works Library Edition
*Over 1.4 million high resolution full-color history maps.*

NewspaperARCHIVE Library Edition
*Includes more than 5,000 local newspaper titles from 1753 to the present.*

ProQuest Obituaries
*Provides more than 10 million obituaries and death notices from top US newspapers dating back to 1849.*

ProQuest Historical Newspaper Collection:
  - Historical US Newspapers
  - Historical International Newspapers
    Complete content of seven major papers from Canada, England, India, Ireland, Scotland, and the Jerusalem Post (1932-1988).
  - Historical American Jewish Newspapers
    Includes the American Hebrew and Jewish Messenger (1857-1922), The Jewish Advocate (1905-1990), The American Israelite (1854-2000), Jewish Exponent (1887-1990)"