

## Czech and Slovak Republics: Jewish Family History Research Guide

### Brief History

From the Middle Ages to the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the lands that now make up the Czech Republic (Bohemia and Moravia) and the Slovak Republic were provinces of the Hapsburg Empire, later called the Austrian Empire, with its capital in Vienna. In 1867, the Hungarians won greater autonomy under the “Dual Monarchy,” and the territory of Slovakia came under Hungarian administration. The Austro-Hungarian Empire lasted until the end of World War I, when independent Czechoslovakia was formed from Bohemia, Moravia, Slovakia, and parts of Silesia. Following World War II, Carpatho-Ukraine, the easternmost region of Czechoslovakia, was annexed to the Ukraine. In 1993, Czechoslovakia peacefully divided into the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic.

For detailed historical maps, see:

*Atlas of the Austro-Hungarian Empire-1892*. Bountiful, UT: Thomsen's Genealogical Center, 1990.

**Genealogy Institute DB 906. 75 .A76 1990**

Magosci, Paul Robert. *Historical Atlas of East Central Europe*. Seattle: University of Washington Press, 1993.

**REF G 2081 .S1 .M3 1993**

### Finding Your Ancestral Town

To make the best use of this guide, you should first follow the general guidelines in our fact sheets on starting your family history research and, if necessary, use our fact sheets on U.S. census, immigration, naturalization, vital, and burial records to identify your ancestral town. The following sources may help you find the name of your ancestral town and locate it on a map:

Auslander, Jordan. *Genealogical Gazetteer of the Kingdom of Hungary*. Bergenfield, NJ: Avotaynu, 2004. English translation of 1877 gazetteer.

**Genealogy Institute DB904 .G387 2004**

*Czechoslovakia: Official Standard Names Approved by the United States Board on Geographic Names*. Washington: Central Intelligence Agency, 1955.

**REF DB 194.5 U5 1955**

Lelkes, Gyorgy. *Magyar Helysegnev-Azonosito Szotar*. Baja: Talma Konyvkiado, 1998. Modern Hungary gazetteer with cross-reference indexes in 9 languages.

**Genealogy Institute DB904 .L44 1998**

Majtan, Milan. *Názvy obcí Slovenskej republiky: vývin v rokoch 1773-1997*. Bratislava: VEDA, 1998. Slovak Republic gazetteer with place name changes from 1773 to 1997.

**Genealogy Institute DB2708 .M34 1998**

Mokotoff, Gary, Sallyann A. Sack, and Alexander Sharon. *Where Once We Walked: A Guide to the Jewish Communities Destroyed in the Holocaust—Revised Edition*. Bergenfield, NJ: Avotaynu, 2002. This gazetteer lists towns according to variant spellings and provides the present-day country, map coordinates, and an estimate of their pre-WWII Jewish population.

**Genealogy Institute DS135.E83 M65 2002**

The JewishGen website contains three databases that may assist you in finding your ancestor's town: the Communities Database, the Gazetteer, and the Radius Search.

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

JewishGen's Greater Hungary Special Interest Group developed a list of Hungarian towns from the 1877 and 1882 gazetteers, with their corresponding current name, county, and district, German, Yiddish, and other spelling variations, and synagogue name.

**<http://www.jewishgen.org/Hungary/CrossReferenceSubmittalWebsiteA.pdf>**

Laszlo Seboks's Cross-border Hungarian Place Name Dictionary, an online ethnic Hungarian gazetteer (which includes the modern Slovak Republic), allows you to search for the modern equivalent of a historical Hungarian town name and vice versa.

**<http://sebok2.adatbank.transindex.ro/> [Hungarian only]**

## Primary Records

### Czech Republic Archives

The main source of Jewish vital records, books of Jewish families in particular towns ("familiar books"), and other genealogical records is the Czech State Archives, which is made up of the Central State Archives and the National Archives in Prague. Additional Jewish vital and non-vital records, as well as pre-1930 census records, are held in Czech Republic's regional [oblastní], provincial [zemský], district [okresní], and city [města] archives and at the Jewish Museum of Prague.

#### Czech State Archives

Records up to ca. 1850:

Central State Archives

Statni ustredni archiv

Tr. Milady Horakove 133

160 00 Praha 6 - Dejvice

Czech Republic

Phone: +420 233 326 755

E-mail: [nal@nacr.cz](mailto:nal@nacr.cz)

Website: **[www.nacr.cz/eindex.htm](http://www.nacr.cz/eindex.htm)**

Records since ca. 1850:

National Archives in Prague

Narodni archiv v Praze

Archivni 4

149 01 Praha 4 - Chodovec

Czech Republic

Phone: +420 297 4811 111 (operator)

E-mail: [na@nacr.cz](mailto:na@nacr.cz)

Website: **[www.nacr.cz/eindex.htm](http://www.nacr.cz/eindex.htm)**

For an inventory of Jewish vital records in the Czech State Archives, see:

Gundacker, Felix. *Matrikenverzeichnis der Juedischen Matriken Boehmens* [Register of Jewish Vital Statistics in the Czech State Archives pertaining to Bohemia]. Felix Gundacker, 1998. In German and English.

**Leo Baeck Institute    q HB 1001 G83 1998**

Gundacker, Felix. *Matrikenverzeichnis der Juedischen Matriken Maehrens* [Register of Jewish Vital Statistics in the Czech State Archives pertaining to Moravia]. Felix Gundacker, 2000. In German and English.

**Leo Baeck Institute    q 69**

The Czech State Archives digitized their entire collection of Jewish community registers of birth (more than 100 years old), marriage (more than 75 years old), and death (more than 75 years old). They may be viewed at **<http://www.badatelna.cz/fond/1073>** [click on "Inventár" and then "ÚŘEDNÍ KNIHY (matriky a indexy)"]. N = births, O = marriages, Z = death. Please note these registers are not searchable.

The Czech State Archives also hosts a searchable database of Prague applications for residence permits (known as conscriptions) from 1850 – 1914 at

<http://www.nacr.cz/english/conscriptions.aspx> [English-language version]

### **Regional and local archives in the Czech Republic**

For contact information and links to the digitized records of the Czech Republic's regional, provincial, district, and city archives, visit <http://www.cgsi.org/research/archives/list>

In some cases, Jewish vital records were written in the back of Catholic and Protestant registers. Felix Gundacker, a professional genealogist, developed a guide to where Jewish records for many Czech towns are currently held and whether they are found in Jewish or non-Jewish registers.

[www.jewishgen.org/AustriaCzech/towns/gundframe1.html](http://www.jewishgen.org/AustriaCzech/towns/gundframe1.html)

The Prague City Archives' digital collections, including parish and civil registers and census records, may be viewed at <http://www.ahmp.cz/eng/index.html> [click on "The Catalogue"].

### **Jewish Museum of Prague**

The Jewish Museum of Prague holds Jewish vital records for some towns, vital records indexes, records of Jewish communities and organizations, and Holocaust records.

Jewish Museum of Prague

Zidovske Muzeum Praha

U Stare skoly 1

110 00 Praha 1

Czech Republic

Phone: +420 222 749 211, +420 222 749 212

Fax: +420 222 749 300

General E-mail: [office@jewishmuseum.cz](mailto:office@jewishmuseum.cz)

Holocaust Department E-mail: [holocaust@jewishmuseum.cz](mailto:holocaust@jewishmuseum.cz)

Jewish Communities Documentation Department E-mail: [jiri.fiedler@jewishmuseum.cz](mailto:jiri.fiedler@jewishmuseum.cz)

Website: [www.jewishmuseum.cz/aindex.htm](http://www.jewishmuseum.cz/aindex.htm) [English-language version]

For a detailed listing of the museum's holdings, see: Herman, Jan and K. Dolista. "The Jewish Community Archives from Bohemia and Moravia." *Judaica Bohemiae*. Vol. 7, No. 1 (1971).

**Leo Baeck Institute C59 or YIVO 015009038**

### **Czech Military Records**

Most military records for the Czech Republic can be found in one of two archives. For records up to the end of World War I (~1918), the War Archive in Vienna is the primary repository. Later records are kept at the Military History Archive in Prague.

War Archive in Vienna

Kriegsarchiv

Nottendorfergasse 2-4

A-1030 Wien

Austria

Phone: +43-1-79540-452

Fax: +43-1-79540-109

Email: [kapost@oesta.gv.at](mailto:kapost@oesta.gv.at)

Website: <http://www.oesta.gv.at/site/6154/default.aspx> [English-language version]

Military Central Archive in Prague

Vojenský ústřední archiv

Sokolovská 136/24

186 00 Praha 8 - Karlín

Czech Republic

Phone: 973 206 101

Fax: 973 206 129

E-mail: [podatelna@vuapraha.cz](mailto:podatelna@vuapraha.cz)

Website: <http://www.vuapraha.cz/Pages/Domovskastranka.aspx> [Czech only]

## Slovak Republic Archives Slovak National Archives

The main source of Jewish primary records is the Slovak National Archives.

Slovak National Archives

Slovensky narodny archiv

Drotarska cesta 42, P.O. Box 115

84005 Bratislava

Phone: +421 2 6280 4590

Fax: +421 2 6280 1249

E-mail: [archiv@sna.vs.sk](mailto:archiv@sna.vs.sk)

**Website:** <http://www.minv.sk/?archivy> [Slovak only]

For the holdings of archives in Slovakia, see:

Auslander, Jordan. *Index to the Jewish Vital Statistics Records of Slovakia*. Teaneck, N.J.:

Avotaynu, 1993. Index to Jewish birth, marriage, and death records located in the archives of Slovakia, listing Jewish records alphabetically by town.

**Genealogy Institute Avotaynu's Microfiche Box CD1167.S58**

Kollarova, Zuzana and Jozef Hanus. *A Guide to the Slovak Archives*. Prešov: Universum, 1999.

**Genealogy Institute CD 1169.6 .K65 1999**

Sarmányová-Kalesna, Jana. *Cirkevné Matriky Na Slovensku Zo 16.-19. Storočia*. Bratislava: Odbor Archívniectva Ministerstva Vnútra SR, 1991. Provides a list of parish registers—including Jewish registers—in Slovakia from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Includes a location index and an English summary. This book is available by advance request at the New York Public Library (call number: QT 01-1747).

## Regional and local Slovakian archives

Some Jewish records are held in regional, provincial, district, and city archives. For example, civil registration records less than 100 years old are maintained locally, usually in the village registrar office. For contact information and links to the digitized records of the Slovak Republic's regional, provincial, district, and city archives, visit the website of the Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International at <http://www.cgsi.org/research/archives/list>.

## Slovakian records held in neighboring countries

Pre-1895 Jewish birth, marriage, and death records for several Slovakian towns in former Zemplen county have been found in the Zemplen County Archives in Sátoraljaujhely, Hungary. The Zemplen County Archives also has Jewish census records dating from 1755 to 1845. Jewish birth, marriage, and death records from the western part of Ung, including the Szobrancsi and Kaposi districts, are held in the Transcarpathia Regional Archives (Zakarpatskiy Oblast) in Uzhorod, Ukraine (see contact information below).

Zemplen County Archives

Kossuth tér 5.

3980 Sátoraljaujhely,

Hungary

Phone: +3647321353, +3647521087

Fax: +3647321353

E-mail: [sauhely@bazleveltar.hu](mailto:sauhely@bazleveltar.hu)

Transcarpathia Regional Archives

14a Mynaiska Str.,

88005Uzhorod,

Ukraine

Phone/Fax: +380(312) 2-35-49, 2-06-10

Fax: +380(312) 2-58-39

E-mail: [mail@dazo.gov.ua](mailto:mail@dazo.gov.ua)

**Website:** <http://www.archives.gov.ua/Eng/Archives/ra07.php>

[English-language version]

### Slovakian Military Records

Most Slovakian military records can be found in three archives. Records up to 1867 are held by the Austria's War Archive in Vienna (see "Czech Military Records" section above for contact information), records from 1868 to 1918 by Hungary's Military History Archive in Budapest, and records from 1918 on by the Slovak Republic's Military Historical Archive in Bratislava.

Hungary's Military History Archive  
HM HIM Hadtörténelmi Levéltár  
Capistrano tér 2-4,  
1014 Budapest  
Phone: +36-1-325-1686; +36-1-325-1676  
Fax: +36-1-325-1677  
E-mail: kutato@mail.militaria.hu;  
hadtortenelmi.leveltar@mail.militaria.hu  
Website: <http://militaria.hu/adatb/leveltariuj/>  
[Hungarian only]

Slovak Republic's Military History Archive  
Vojenský Historický Archiv (VHA)  
Extreme 27,  
821 04 Bratislava  
Phone/Fax: 0248207720; 0960 319 020  
E-mail: vha@vhu.sk  
Website: <http://www.vhu.sk/index.php?ID=17>  
[Slovakian only]

### Family History Library (FHL) of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS)

The Family History Library of the Church of Latter-day Saints has microfilmed a number of Czech and Slovakian records. To identify the relevant microfilms, do a "Place Search" in the Family History Library Online Catalog, <http://familysearch.org/#form=catalog>, first using the town name, and then using the province name.

For a list of microfilms on long-term loan at the Ackman & Ziff Family Genealogy Institute, see <http://www.jgsny.org/microfilms-at-cjh>. Microfilms that are not on long-term loan at the Genealogy Institute can be ordered on the LDS website at <http://www.familysearch.org/films>. For further instructions on ordering microfilms, see <http://www.cjh.org/p/34#microloans>.

The Family History Library has been digitizing their collections and, therefore, many records are already available on their site as either image only, index only, or both image and index. To browse the digitized collections by country, visit <http://familysearch.org/search/collection/list>.

### Sources at the Center for Jewish History (CJH)

Below is a selection of the genealogical and historical sources related to the Czech and Slovak lands at the CJH. In particular, the Leo Baeck Institute possesses many memoirs and other archival materials from or about the German-speaking Jewish communities of Bohemia, Moravia, Silesia, and Slovakia. Many additional family histories, memoirs, historical works, and more can be found in the collections of the CJH partners and at the Ackman & Ziff Family Genealogy Institute. To locate further resources, search the CJH's online catalog at <http://search.cjh.org>.

### Archives

*Rabbinical and Historical Manuscripts Collection, 1567-1930.* While most of this collection of mixed provenance consists of rabbinic bound and unbound manuscripts, correspondence, responsa, and other items, there are some community records. These include inscriptions from tombstones in Mislic (1785-1877) and Prague (1740-1785). There is an inventory in English.

**YIVO Archives RG 128**

*Territorial Collection for Czechoslovakia.* This collection includes materials on the Theresienstadt ghetto (Terezin). The bulk of the collection pertains to the Holocaust period (1938-1945). Noteworthy are materials on the Theresienstadt Ghetto (Geto Terezin) that include birth and death records for 1942, daily orders, and announcements about deportation. The collection also includes materials on Jewish communities in Slovakia up to World War II. There is an inventory in English.

**YIVO Archives RG 116 - Czechoslovakia**

### **Books and Periodicals**

Bárkány, Eugen, and L'udovít Dojč. *Zidovské Náboženské Obce Na Slovensku.* Bratislava: Vesna, 1991. A guide to former Jewish villages in Slovakia, including synagogues and cemeteries. Text in Slovakian, with summaries in English, German, and Hungarian.

**YIVO 000128409**

Beider, Alexander. *Jewish Surnames in Prague: (15th-18th Centuries).* Teaneck, NJ: Avotaynu, Inc, 1994.

**Genealogy Institute CS 3010 .B44 1994**

Berger, Natalia. *Where Cultures Meet: The Story of the Jews of Czechoslovakia.* Tel Aviv: Beth Hatefutsoth, Nahum Goldmann Museum of the Jewish Diaspora, 1990.

**Genealogy Institute DS 135.C95 W48 1990**

Boháček, Jan. *Soupis Židovských Rodin V Čechách Z Roku 1793: I.* Praha: Státní Ústřední Archiv v Praze, 2002. 1793 Jewish Census of Bohemia. Text in Czech.

**YIVO 000115292; Supplementary material and general index: YIVO 000122884**

Brilling Bernhard. *Neues Schrifttum zur Geschichte der Juden in der Tschechoslowakei.* Marburg/Lahn: N. G. Elwert- Verlag, 1957.

**Leo Baeck Institute DS 135 C95 B7**

Ehl, Petr, Arno Pařík, and Jiří Fiedler. *Old Bohemian and Moravian Jewish Cemeteries.* Kynšperk nad Ohří: Paseka Prague, 1991.

**Leo Baeck Institute q GT 3247.8 .O\_412 or YIVO 00087292**

Fiedler, Jiří. *Jewish Sights of Bohemia and Moravia: Guide Book.* Prague: Sefer, 1991. **YIVO 00085858**

Fischl, Victor. *The Jews of Czechoslovakia.* London: National Council of Jews from Czechoslovakia, 1940. **Leo Baeck Institute DS 135 C95 F57**

Gold, Hugo. *Gedenkbuch Der Untergegangenen Judengemeinden Mährens.* Tel Aviv: Olamenu, 1974.

**Leo Baeck Institute q DS 135 C955 G6 or YIVO Moravia 1974**

Gold, Hugo. *Die Juden Und Judengemeinden Böhmens in Vergangenheit Und Gegenwart: Ein Sammelwerk.* Brünn: Jüdischer Buch- u. Kunstverl, 1934.

**Leo Baeck Institute q DS 135 C954 G63 or YIVO 000077659**

Gold, Hugo. *Die Juden Und Die Judengemeinde Bratislava in Vergangenheit Und Gegenwart: Ein Sammelwerk.* Brünn: Jüdischer Buchverlag, 1932.

**Leo Baeck Institute q DS 135 C96 B72 G6 or YIVO 000040434**

Gold, Hugo. *Die Juden Und Judengemeinden Mährens in Vergangenheit Und Gegenwart: Ein Sammelwerk*. Brünn: Jüdischer Buch- und Kunstverlag, 1929.

**REF DS 135 C955 G63**

Gruber, Samuel, and Phyllis Myers. *Survey of Historic Jewish Monuments in the Czech Republic: A Report to the United States Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad*. New York: Jewish Heritage Council; World Monuments Fund, 1994.

**Leo Baeck Institute q DS 135 C95 G78 or YIVO 00087636**

Herman, Jan. *Jewish Cemeteries in Bohemia and Moravia*. Prague: Council of Jewish Communities in the CSR, 1982.

**Leo Baeck Institute q GT 3247.8 H47 or YIVO 00093049**

Hock, Simon, and David Kaufmann. *Die Familien Prags: Nach Den Epitaphien Des Alten Jüdischen Friedhofs in Prag*. Pressburg: Druck von A. Alkalay, 1892.

**YIVO 00024518**

Iggers, Wilma. *The Jews of Bohemia and Moravia: A Historical Reader*. Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 1992.

**YIVO 00085404**

*Judaica Bohemiae*. Vol. 1-24. Prague: Jewish Museum of Prague, 1965-2000.

**Leo Baeck Institute C59 or YIVO 015009038**

Karny, Miroslav. *Terezinska Pametni Kniha: Zidovske obeti nacistickych deportaci z Cech a Moravy, 1941-1945*. Praha: Terezínská iniciativa; Melantrich, 1996. Text in Czech.

**REF D 805.5 .T54 .T47 1995 ;**

**English guide: Genealogy Institute D 805.5.T54 T47 1996**

Kieval, Hilel J. *The Making of Czech Jewry: National Conflict and Jewish Society in Bohemia 1870-1918*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1988.

**Leo Baeck Institute DS 135 C95 K54 or YIVO 00082139**

Klenovský, Jaroslav. *Zidovské Památky Moravy a Slezska*. Brno: ERA, 2001. A guide to the Jewish monuments of Moravia and Silesia. Text in English and Czech.

**YIVO 0000113276**

Lárišová, Petra. *Zidovská Komunita V Bratislave V Roku 1940: Historická Demografia Na Základe Sčítania Ľudu*. Bratislava: Nadácia Milana Šimečku, 2000. Census of the Bratislava Jewish community in 1940. Text in Slovakian.

**YIVO 0000022767**

Lion, Jindrich. *Jüdisches Prag*. Wien: Mandelbaum, 2005. Text in English and German.

**Leo Baeck Institute st 5699**

*Magyar Zsido*. Cleveland, OH: Greater Hungarian Special Interest Group for Jewish Genealogists, 1994-1997.

**Genealogy Institute DS 135 .H9 .M278**

*Phoenix: Journal of Czech and Slovak Jewish Family and Community History*. Jamaica, N.Y.: Czech and Slovak Jewish Communities Archive, 1997.

**YIVO 015010718**

*Review of the Society for the History of Czechoslovak Jews.* Vol. 1-6. New York: Society for the History of Czechoslovak Jews, 1987-1993.

**Leo Baeck Institute DS 135 C95 L453**

Rozkošná, Blanka, and Pavel Jakubec. *Zidovské Památky Cech: Historie a Památky Židovského Osídlení Cech.* Brno: ERA, 2004. A guide to the history and monuments of Jewish Bohemia. Text in English and Czech.

**YIVO 000115286**

Schlyter, Daniel M. *A Handbook of Czechoslovak Genealogical Research.* Buffalo Grove, Ill: Genun Publishers, 1985.

**Genealogy Institute E 184.B67 S35 1985**

Society for the History of Czechoslovak Jews. *The Jews of Czechoslovakia.* Vol. 1-3. Jewish Publication Society, 1968-1984.

**Leo Baeck Institute DS 135 C95 J45 or**

**American Jewish Historical Society DS 135 .C95 J45**

Steinhauser, Mary. *Totenbuch Theresienstadt: Damit Sie Nicht Vergessen Werden.* Wien: Junius, 1989.

**Genealogy Institute D805.C9 T67 1989**

Sturm, Heribert. *Biographisches Lexikon zur Geschichte der Boehmischen Laender.* Vol. 1-3. München: R. Oldenbourg, 1979-1999.

**REF DB 202 B56**

Wlaschek, Rudolf M. *Biographia Judaica Bohemiae.* Vol. 1-3. Dortmund: Forschungsstelle Ostmitteleuropa, 1995-2003.

**REF DS 135 C954 W53 B5**

Wlaschek, Rudolf M. *Juden in Böhmen: Beiträge Zur Geschichte Des Europäischen Judentums Im 19. Und 20. Jahrhundert.* München: R. Oldenbourg, 1990.

**Leo Baeck Institute DS 135 C954 W531 1997 or YIVO 00092019**

## Web Resources

### General Resources

JewishGen hosts the websites of the various Jewish genealogy special interest groups (SIGs) devoted to specific countries or regions, including one for Austria and the Czech Republic and one for “Greater Hungary” (which includes modern Slovakia). These websites offer multiple helpful tools for locating genealogical records, such as maps and research guides.

Austria-Czech Special Interest Group: <http://www.jewishgen.org/AustriaCzech/>

Hungary Special Interest Group: <http://www.jewishgen.org/Hungary/>

JewishGen’s Austria-Czech and Hungary Databases incorporate data from various sources, including vital records, tombstones, censuses, and Holocaust records. Searching these databases will help you identify records to request from the Czech State Archives, Slovakian National Archives, LDS Family History Library, and other sources.

Austria-Czech Database: <http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/AustriaCzech/>

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



JewishGen KehilaLinks, formerly “ShtetLinks,” features web pages which contain information, photos, lists of resources, and much more about places where Jews lived. There are a number of web pages for towns in Slovakia (listed with Hungary).

**<http://kehilalinks.jewishgen.org/Hungary.html>**

GenTeam offers a searchable index of Jewish birth, marriage, and death records from several communities in Moravia.

**<http://www.genteam.at>** [free registration is required].

Geni.com provides a free workspace for genealogists who have similar interests to collaborate and share their findings, especially family trees. The website contains an umbrella page listing all of the sub-projects on Jews from towns in Bohemia and Moravia in the Czech Republic.

**<http://www.geni.com/projects/Jewish-Communities-in-Bohemia-and-Moravia-Czech-Republic/>**

Slovakia Genealogy Research Strategies offers useful research guides, especially on identifying Slovakian place names and accessing Slovakian censuses from 1623 to 1930.

**<http://www.iabsi.com/gen/public/index.htm>**

## **Cemeteries**

Project Keshet is an ongoing effort to make information about Jewish cemeteries in the Czech Republic available online. The website contains a growing epitaphs database, as well as descriptions and maps of the Czech Republic’s Jewish cemeteries .

**<http://www.chewra.com>** [some web pages only in Czech]

StonePics is an ongoing effort to photograph and transcribe headstones from the Czech Republic’s cemeteries. The website offers a free headstone database, but you must purchase a CD to view photographs.

**<http://czech.stonepics.com/index.htm>**

JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry (JOWBR) is a database of names from cemeteries and burial records worldwide, including the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

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

The International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies’ International Jewish Cemetery Project is in the process of compiling a comprehensive list of Jewish burial sites worldwide, organized by country. Some listings include contact information, a location description, a brief history, burial societies, and/or links to cemetery websites.

**<http://www.iajgs.org/cemetery/>**

The Lo Tishkach project, a European Jewish Cemeteries Initiative, is in the process of conducting a comprehensive survey of Europe’s Jewish burial grounds and is making their data publicly accessible through their online database.

**<http://www.lo-tishkach.org/en/>** [English-language version]

## **Familiant Books**

From 1726 to 1848, Familiant Laws restricted the number of Jews permitted to live and marry in the region now known as the Czech Republic. Only the eldest son in a Jewish family was granted the right to marry and he gained “familiant” status only upon the death of his father. Familiants were registered in *familiantenbuch* (familiant books), which are valuable sources of information on family history, name adoption, and migration. Currently, Bohemian familiant books are held at the National Archives in Prague, while Moravian familiant books are held at the provincial

archives in Brno and Opava. Toledot, the Jewish Family History Center of Prague, is in the process of compiling an online names index for all the Bohemian and Moravian towns which produced familiant books.

<http://toledot.org/kraje.html>

### Historical Directories

Partly digitized residential and business directories of Brno, 1779-1934 are available at:

<http://vilemwalter.cz/adresare/prohlizeni.htm> [Czech only]

Genealogy Indexer hosts digitized historical residential and business directories, including several city and regional directories from the Czech and Slovak Republics.

<http://genealogyindexer.org/directories>

### Historical Maps

Moravia and Silesia, 1876-1878; Czech, 1877-1880:

[http://oldmaps.geolab.cz/map\\_root.pl?z\\_height=500&lang=cs&z\\_width=800&z\\_newwin=0&map\\_root=3vm](http://oldmaps.geolab.cz/map_root.pl?z_height=500&lang=cs&z_width=800&z_newwin=0&map_root=3vm) [historical introduction in Czech only]

Bohemia, Moravia, and Silesia, 1882: <http://www.feeffhs.org/maplibrary.html>

Slovakia, 1632-1920: <http://mapyuhorskaslovenska.blogspot.com/> [Slovakian only]

Maps of Moravia and plans of the city of Brno, 1840-1944:

<http://www.vilemwalter.cz/mapy> [Czech only]

### Holocaust

For web resources on the Holocaust in the Czech and Slovak lands, please consult our Holocaust research guide at <http://www.cjh.org/p/60>.

### Sites & Monuments

The website of the Jewish Community of Prague has produced an online guide to Jewish monuments in Bohemia, Moravia, and Silesia.

<http://pamatky.kehilaprag.cz/hledani> [Czech only]

The website of the Jewish Community of Brno features two guides to Jewish sites in Moravia and a Brno cemetery database.

<http://www.zob.cz/> [Czech only]

The website of the Slovak Jewish Heritage Route offers an online travel guide to Jewish synagogues, cemeteries, and Holocaust memorial sites, organized by region.

<http://www.slovak-jewish-heritage.org>

The website of the Museum of Family History hosts a permanent online exhibition “The Synagogues of Europe: Past and Present” featuring pre- and post-World War II postcard photographs of hundreds of European synagogues, many of which are no longer standing or are in a state of disrepair. This exhibition is organized by country and, within each country, by town, listed according to their modern names.

<http://www.museumoffamilyhistory.com/s/mfh-syn-europe.htm>