

# Chutes and Ladders

## CREATIVE APPROACHES TO GENEALOGY



This handout covers unusual, creative, innovative or simply overlooked online resources for genealogical research. Most of us already know how to use JewishGen, JRI-Poland, Routes to Roots, and the SIG (regional special interest group) databases. We also know how useful paid databases like Ancestry.com are – and that they are freely accessible at public libraries and LDS Family History Centers. But perhaps a few of these links you are not yet aware of may enable you to find out more about your family and even make some surprising discoveries:

**The JewishGen Discussion Group** is an internet forum, which fulfills the vision to unite Jewish genealogical researchers worldwide as they read and discuss each day's messages. They share information, ideas, methods, tips, techniques, case studies and resources. Their dedication is to Jewish family history with particulars from their own family lore and reminiscences. Not only do they want to know more, most JewishGenners are very willing to help others along the way. This continual sharing is the very essence of JewishGen. You must register to post, but also remember to search the archives of past messages using keywords related to your search: places, people and events: <http://www.jewishgen.org/jewishgen/discussiongroup.htm>

**CRARG: Czestochowa-Radomsko Area Research Group** has a database of records well over 600,000, including Holocaust, tombstone, synagogue, birth, marriage, books of residents, death, emigration, immigration, draft, taxation, craftsman, and 1790s census records covering Poland, and those who passed through Poland: <http://www.crarg.org/>



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