

Some Sephardic Genealogy Resources – focus Eastern Europe Newton, MA May 19, 2013

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GENEALOGY

www.Sephardic.gen

Excellent starting point for Sephardic genealogy. Run by Jeff Malka. Includes a variety of searchable data bases; tutorial with short informative essays; lists of resources by country; lists of Sephardic surnames; a gazetteer; common aliases.

www.jewishgen.org/

Allows you to search by a variety of categories.

NAMES

www.Sephardim.com

Good starting point for Sephardic names. Begun by Harry Stein. Alphabetically lists Sephardic names indexed from 65 sources, which are listed. Links to discussion groups.

www.avotaynu.com/csi/databases.htm

List of Databases and Number of Surname Entries in Consolidated Jewish Surname Index.

www.nameyourroots.com/articles/jewish-surnames

Reasonable brief overview of Sephardic naming patterns.

Guilherme Faiguenboim, Paulo Valadares, Anna Rosa Campagnano, *Dictionary of Sephardic Surnames / Dicionário Sefaradi de Sobrenomes* [Second Edition], São Paulo: Editora Fraiha, 2004.

Bilingual Portuguese & English.

EASTERN EUROPE

<http://www.yivoencyclopedia.org/article.aspx/Sephardim>

A good short article on East European Sephardim: historical introduction by country and by town, with links.

Alexander Beider, "Sephardim in Eastern Europe," in *A Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from the Kingdom of Poland*, Teaneck, NJ: Avotaynu, 1966. ["Best Judaica Reference Book" award for 1996.]

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Some of my books dealing with Sephardic topics that you might find interesting are:

Secrecy and Deceit: The Religion of the Crypto-Jews. Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society, 1996. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 2002. Spanish translation: *Secreto y Engaño: La religion de los criptojudíos*, (Valladolid: Junta de Castilla y León, 2003).

An overview of the history of Iberian conversos and an ethnography detailing the evolving religious culture of conversos in the Iberian world. Received both the 1996 National Jewish Book Award for Sephardic Studies and the 1997 Lucy Dawidowicz Prize for History, 1997.

Los Arias Dávila de Segovia: entre la iglesia y la sinagoga. Baltimore: International Scholars Publications, 1996.

In Spanish: a biography of King Enrique IV's crypto-Jewish finance minister and his family, including a son who became one of Spain's most liberal Catholic bishops and a grandson who became the first colonial governor of Nicaragua.

[with Linda Davidson.] *A Drizzle of Honey: The Lives and Recipes of Spain's Secret Jews*. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1999. E-book 2012.

Sephardic cooking at the time of the Expulsion from Spain, with recipes derived from information from testimony to the Inquisition, and brief biographies of the "informants" who provided the culinary information. Received both the 1999 National Jewish Book award for Ashkenazi and Sephardic Culture and the 1999 International Association of Culinary Professionals Award for Distinguished Scholarship.

[with Linda Davidson.] *Pilgrimage and the Jews*. Westport, CT: Praeger, 2006.

Traces Jewish pilgrimage customs from the time of Abraham through modern religious journeys to the tombs of Jewish "saints," Holocaust sites, and the "holy" nature of the State of Israel to modern secular Jews.

The Lost Minyan. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 2010.

The stories of ten families of crypto-Jews—five from Spain and five from Mexico—as retold through the voices of the protagonists of those stories.