

Latin American Genealogical Research: Selected Resources

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1. Historical Overview

History of the Jews in Latin America and the Caribbean

https://wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_the_Jews_in_Latin_America_and_the_Caribbean

2. Reference Books

**Avotaynu Guide to Jewish Genealogy*. Essential guide. In-depth chapters about Argentina, Brazil, Caribbean countries, Mexico, Venezuela, and Inquisition records.

**Sephardic Genealogy: Discovering Your Sephardic Ancestors and their World*.

**Diccionario Sefaradi de Sobrenomes / Dictionary of Sephardic Surnames*.

3. JewishGen – Premier Site for Jewish Family History Research

Latin American SIG: <http://www.jewishgen.org/InfoFiles/LatAmSig.html>

Important discussion forum for asking questions, networking, and learning from others.

To subscribe: http://www.jewishgen.org/ListManager/members_add.asp

JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry (JOWBR)

<http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/Cemetery/tree/CemList.htm>

JOWBR Cemetery Inventory – list of cemeteries by country included in the database. Includes: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Columbia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru, and Venezuela.

To Search the JOWBR database: <http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/Cemetery/>

Kehilla Links - websites commemorating Jewish communities

<http://kehilalinks.jewishgen.org/Americas.html>

Mostly Eastern Europe, but includes Basavilbaso (Lucienville), Argentina; Philippon JCA Colony (Itaara), Brazil; and Sosúa, Dominican Republic.

Mstibovo (Mscibow), Belarus <http://kehilalinks.jewishgen.org/mscibow/index.html>

Names and photographs of families who immigrated to Argentina from Mscibow.

JewishGen Sephardic SIG and SephardicGen, both hosted by Jeffrey S. Malka

Both sites are well worth browsing, in spite of many broken links.

<http://www.jewishgen.org/Sephardic/> and <http://www.sephardicgen.com/index.htm>

Sephardim - Conversos – Marranos: Historical Overview with Bibliography

<http://www.jewishgen.org/InfoFiles/sefard5.htm>

* Available in the JGSGB Research Library

4. FamilySearch – Family History Library

Historical records available for Latin American countries

Includes 19th c. civil registrations for most Caribbean, Central, and South American countries; 1869 & 1895 censuses for Argentina, and 16th - 20th c. church and baptismal records for Caribbean, Central, and South America. (Spanish)

Browse by place: <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list>

Search for names by country: <https://familysearch.org/search>

Research Guide: https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/South_America

Research Guide: https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Central_America

5. The Central Archives for the History of the Jewish People

Holdings include records from most Caribbean, Central, and South American countries.

Description of holdings by country: <http://cahjp.huji.ac.il/content/countries>

Search: <http://cahjp.huji.ac.il/search-holdings>

6. American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee

JDC Names Database

<http://archives.jdc.org/explore-the-archives/family-researchers.html>

Example of available records: *Jewish Refugees in Latin America Receiving JDC*

Assistance, 1948. The refugees immigrated to Paraguay, Cuba, Bolivia, Peru and Ecuador and were sponsored by JDC.

7. Argentina – Archival Resources

Jewish Genealogical Research in Argentina

<http://www.jewishgen.org/InfoFiles/argentina.html>

Asociación de Genealogía Judía de Argentina/Argentinian Association of Jewish Genealogy <http://www.agja.org.ar/>

Maintains the largest Jewish data base in Argentina. See the *Jewish Genealogical Research in Argentina* link above for description of holdings.

Jewish Colonization Association (JCA) Argentina

<http://cahjp.huji.ac.il/content/jewish-colonization-association-jca> –

The papers of JCA's Argentinean office include correspondence files, ledgers and personal files of individual colonists. The material dates from 1890 to about 1970.

Personal Files List: http://cahjp.huji.ac.il/webfm_send/587

8. Mexico – Special Archives

El Centro de Documentación e Investigación de la Comunidad Ashkenazí de México (CDICA) / Center Of Documentation and Research for the Ashkenazi Community In Mexico

<http://www.cdica.mx/> (Spanish) (English) <http://www.cdica.mx/english/>

For access contact the CDICA: <http://www.cdica.mx/english/contacto.html>