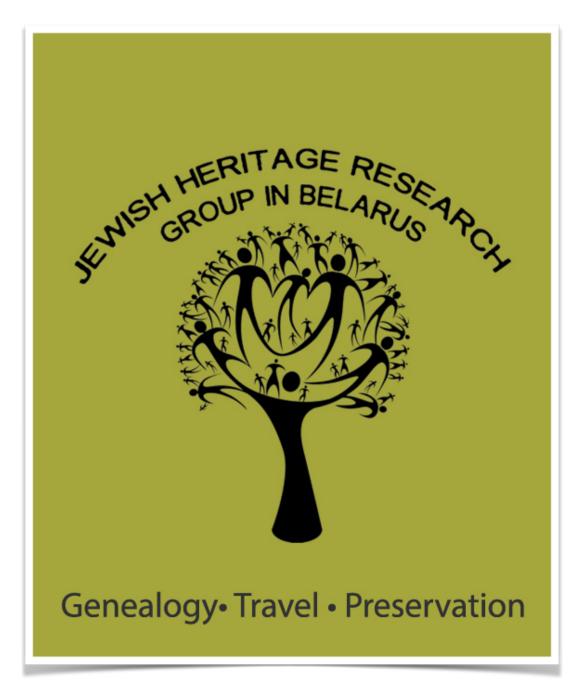
# BELARUS: JEWISH HISTORY & RESEARCH STRATEGY IN BELARUS ARCHIVES



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# MAIN POINTS OF PRESENTATION

- Introduction to Jewish history of Belarus
- Type of documents available for research in Belarussian archives
- Type of information each document carries
- What information is needed at a minimum to start the research
- What should you expect from the research

# **10 MOST USEFUL TYPES OF DOCUMENTS FOR RESEARCH**

- 1. Family lists
- 2. Revision lists or censuses
- 3. Metric records (birth/death/marriage)
- 4. Draft lists
- 5. List of draftees' families who's sons were avoiding military draft
- 6. List of Jewish male population
- 7. List of homeowners
- 8. List of business owners
- 9. List of residents who received foreign passports
- 10. Voters list

#### MINIMUM INFORMATION NEEDED TO START RESEARCH

- Original last name
- Original Hebrew given name
- Fathers given name
- Name of the home town or shtetl
- Year of birth (even approximate)
- Year of immigration from Russian Empire

# WHERE TO LOOK FOR STARTING INFORMATION

- Family archive and family members
- Ship manifests <u>www.libertyellisfoundation.org</u>
- Tombstones inscriptions in case if ancestors are buried in US

# SETTING EXPECTATIONS FOR RESEARCH

Best case scenario: family's genealogy can be traced beginning from mid-18th century.

- Names family members
- Years of birth, death and marriage
- Location and value of the house
- Type of business the family used to own if any
- Which congregation they belonged to
- Military records information