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New Paths to Jewish Ancestry: A Special Donation to the Fiske Library

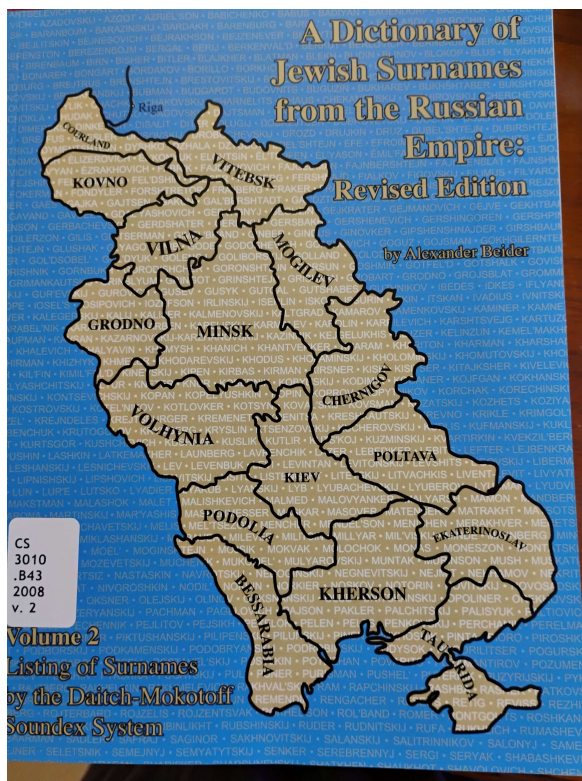
The Fiske Genealogical Library is pleased to announce a donation of eleven books focused on Jewish genealogy and Jewish community history. This generous gift expands our resources for those researching Jewish ancestry and provides valuable tools for understanding the historical context of Jewish life across different regions and time periods.

These new books blend practical guidance with deep cultural insight. They include research aids for tracing Jewish roots in Poland, Lithuania, and the Russian Empire; reference works on Jewish surnames and reading Hebrew inscriptions; and rich historical accounts of Jewish life in places as diverse as India, Romania, Canada, and New York's Lower East Side.

The newly donated titles include:

CS21.W4637 2005	Wenzerul, Rosemary. A Guide to Reading Hebrew Inscriptions and Documents
CS873.F54 2007	Fifer, Susan. A Guide to Jewish Genealogy in Poland
CS879.6 A27 2005	Aaron, Sam. A Guide to Jewish Genealogy in Lithuania
CS3010.B43 2008	Beider, Alexander. A Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from the Russian Empire: Revised Edition Volume 2 Listing of Surnames by the Daitch-Mokotoff Soundex System
DA685.E1 B 48 1976	Bermant, Chaim. London's East End Point of Arrival
DS135.I62 K4738	Hallegua, Fiona & Koder, S.S. Kerala (<i>India</i>) and Her Jews
DS135.P62 B5567 1998	Wisniewski, Tomasz. Jewish Bialystok and surroundings in Eastern Poland
DS135.R72 R66154 2018	Pascal, Pincu. The Jewish Community of Roman (Romania) Translation of Obstea Evreiascaa Din Roman
F128.68.L6.G55 2003	Gillis, Jennifer Blizin. Life on the Lower East Side
F1035.J5 F76 1992	Tapper, Lawrence F.. A Biographical Dictionary of Canadian Jewry 1909-1914 from the Canadian Jewish Times
HV4046.N6 T46 2008	Seitz, Sharon. A Tenement Story; the history of 97 Orchard Street and the Lower East Side Tenement Museum

New Paths to Jewish Ancestry (Continued)



These books will be shelved in different sections based on their Library of Congress classifications, which you can find listed above or by searching our online catalog at fiskelibrary.org. Whether you're starting a search for Jewish ancestors or delving into the rich histories of Jewish communities across the globe, these resources offer both practical direction and historical depth.

We extend our sincere thanks to Lily Kohn for enhancing our collection of Jewish genealogical resources.

~Siri Nelson

Surplus Books

We still have an oversupply of books and our main goal is to move them out! Prices are kept reasonable.

Email: surplus@fiskelibrary.org to make inquiries or purchases. Be sure to check your spam folder if you don't see a reply within a day or two.

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Fiske Library Virtual Classes – A Great Resource

By Ken Peterson, Education Coordinator

Looking back on our 2024-2025 series of classes, I'm impressed with how we explored things "outside the box," as well as received the latest expertise in familiar topics. For example, we learned from Joseph Anderson how ancestors are regarded in other cultures, and how generational healing can take place. A most interesting study of a 19th-century Slovak village by Mike Kocsik was preceded the week before by Lisa Alzo's presentation on how to prepare for Eastern European research. And Mary Roddy's class on "Putting your learning to work" gave us wisdom that not only applies to our genealogy classes, but to all educational opportunities. In the last class of the year, Jenny Hansen showed us the requirements for the Accredited Genealogist (AG) Certification (see ICAPGen.org). Whether one becomes a professional genealogist or not, the skills learned in following this path are truly worth pursuing.

Of course, Artificial Intelligence was big news this year for genealogy. In addition to Sara Cochran's class "Meet Your New Research Assistant," several of our speakers demonstrated AI in gathering information from non-indexed databases.

Here is the whole list of very excellent classes this past year. I wish you a happy and productive Summer, and we'll see you back at the classes when they resume on **Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 10 am!**

Date	Topic	Instructor
	FALL QUARTER	
18-Sep-2024	Using the Research Wiki to Start Foreign Research	Jenny Hansen
25-Sep-2024	Exploring Your Hispanic Roots	Beth Swartz
2-Oct-2024	Using Collateral Relatives	Claire Smith
9-Oct-2024	Hopping Down the Paper Trail	Sara Cochran
16-Oct-2024	Intuitive Genealogy: Ancestral Healing Practices and Your Family Tree	Joseph Anderson
23-Oct-2024	Show, Don't Tell: Creative Nonfiction Writing for Genealogists	Lisa Alzo
30-Oct-2024	New Frontiers in Genealogy	Lisa Alzo
6-Nov-2024	Missing: Reward! Locating Widows, Spinsters, and Bachelors	Sara Cochran
13-Nov-2024	Finding Treasures in NewspaperArchive	Mary Kircher Roddy
20-Nov-2024	(presentation cancelled) – group discussion	Everyone
	HOLIDAY BREAK - WINTER QUARTER	
8-Jan-2025	Citations. Why Did it Have to Be Citations?	Sara Cochran
15-Jan-2025	EXPLORING – The Gilbert Cope Collections on FamilySearch	Steven W. Morrison

Fiske Library Virtual Classes -- Review of the Year

22-Jan-2025	Black Civil War Veterans in Washington State	Cynthia Wilson
29-Jan-2025	Jumping the Pond: Connecting Immigrants to Their Homeland	Mary Kircher Roddy
5-Feb-2025	Meet Your New Research Assistant: AI for Genealogists	Sara Cochran
12-Feb-2025	Ten Things Every Eastern European Genealogist Should Know	Lisa A. Alzo
19-Feb-2025	A Demographic Study of Siroke, 2025 Slovakia in the 1800s	Mike Kocsik
26-Feb-2025	Using Irish Naming Convention to Discover the Family of Thomas Delaney in Mid-Nineteenth Century Ireland	Susan McKee
5-Mar-2025	A Civil War Ancestor's Journey through Letters and Research	Kenneth V. Peterson
12-Mar-2025	YOUR ANCESTOR'S OCCUPATION – Exploring the 1821 Irish Census	Steven W. Morrison
	SPRING QUARTER	
19-Mar-2025	Tracing Irish Ancestors: From America to Ireland - Core Concepts	Susan McKee
26-Mar-2025	A Deed in the Hand is Worth Two in the Books	Sara Cochran
2-Apr-2025	"Beyond the Hints"- Digging deeper into other search options available in FamilySearch & Ancestry websites.	Beth Swartz
9-Apr-2025	Cemeteries and Funeral Homes	Lisa Gorrell
16-Apr-2025	SPRING BREAK - No Class	----
23-Apr-2025	Discovering African American Ancestry	Beth Swartz
30-Apr-2025	Putting Your Learning to Work: Get the Most from an Educational Opportunity	Mary Kircher Roddy
7-May-2025	Who 'Owned' Solomon? A Case study of 19th Century African American Research	Janice Lovelace
14-May-2025	Packrat or Genealogist? Effective Methods for Organizing Your Family History Research	Lisa Alzo
21-May-2025	Wills & Probate Records for Genealogy Research	Claire Smith
28-May-2025	The Nuts and Bolts of Accreditation	Jenny Hansen

Newsletter Submissions

Have you discovered a particularly useful resource in your research, or broken through a brick wall? Would you be interested in submitting an article for the newsletter? Articles can be 1-2 pages long and may be subject to gentle editorial comment.

Our newsletter is published quarterly in September, January, March and June. Deadlines are the 20th of the month preceding publication. **Writers—articles are always needed and appreciated!**

Please send queries or submissions to editor@fiskelibrary.org.



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to expand our hours of opening! Your interest and your reliable presence is all that is needed. When not helping researchers you are free to use the library yourself. Please call David Brazier to discuss hours and training. Call 206-687-5249.

Legacy Family Tree User Group

Our Legacy Family Tree User Group Zoom meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month from 1-2 p.m. We are taking June off so our next class will be on July 17.

The Legacy Family Tree program is now a free download and is a robust program. If you are new to Legacy Family Tree software, take a look at this link - <https://legacyfamilytree.com/>

Our zoom group members vary from the beginner to the expert. The topics we cover are quite varied. More recently we have discussed the use of Tags and Hash Tags, as well as a variety of types of searches. We also welcome questions and topic suggestions.

If you are interested in attending, please send a message to editor@fiskelibrary.org with your email contact information. We will need your email address to send out the Zoom invitation.

If you use Legacy Family Tree, please join us.

Thanks to our Donors

The Fiske Genealogical Foundation and Library has always been dependent upon donations, but this has been doubly true since the pandemic when the library was closed to regular use. Your ongoing patronage and support is most appreciated. Thank you!

~ The FGF Board

Fiske Library Hours

Monday	By appointment. Call David 206 687-5249
Wednesday	The Library is open from Noon to 3 P.M.
Thursday	By appointment. Call David 206 687-5249
Friday	Reserved for research groups from outside the greater Seattle Area. Contact David to make reservations. 206 687-5249
Saturday	By appointment. Call Larry 206 720-4719

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The Fiske Genealogical Foundation is a non-profit service organization providing genealogical training and resource materials. Current Board Members are:

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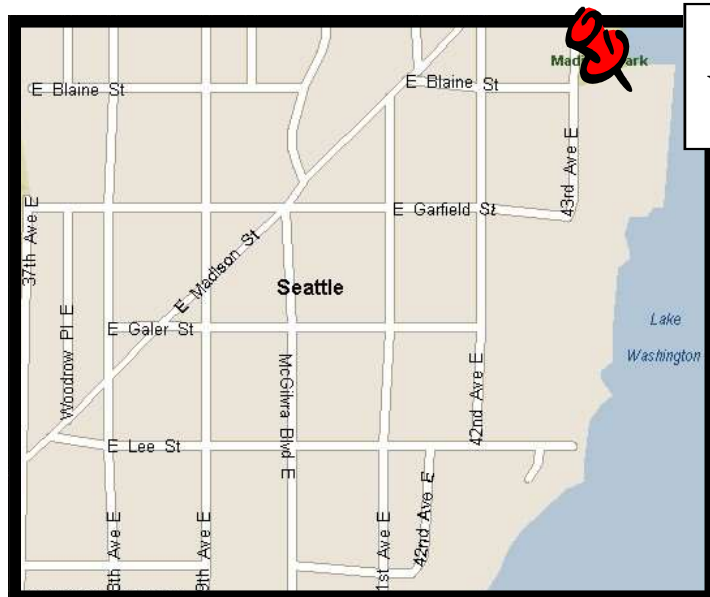
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HOW TO FIND US!



**Fiske Library is located
on the lower level of the
Washington Pioneer Hall.**

- Drive east on E Madison Street to the third crosswalk after reduced speed zone of 25mph. The crosswalk has a yellow blinking light. A one-way street sign is on your right.
- Turn right and follow E Blaine Street to the end of the street.
- The Washington Pioneer Hall faces onto 43rd Ave. E.
- The Fiske Genealogical Library is located on the lower level of the building.