Bibliography


• Some libraries may have the earlier ed. All of Beider’s works are important reference works for serious genealogists.


• This book and the one by Rottenberg, below, documents the author’s personal approach to his genealogical search, and the information they contain is readily available elsewhere. They are not so much guidebooks as inspirations.


• The biggest problem people have with tombstones is deciphering the dates. Although both this book and the one below by Joshua Segal explain this, it is also helpful to show people a good online date converter, such as http://www.hebcal.com.


• This simple but thorough work will answer most of the questions of beginners and is helpful to those who are further along as well. It is so inexpensive that a library should have several copies, because some will probably disappear. It is updated frequently, so old editions should be replaced whenever needed.


• This book is the *de facto* print gazetteer of the small towns of the Pale of Settlement.

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