**Subject Guide: Lancaster County’s Jewish Community**

All LancasterHistory’s Subject Guides follow the same format and are designed to help you identify the types of resources best suited to your needs. The first half focuses on resources that are available remotely. First you will find helpful online resources from other organizations, and secondly, materials from our collections that have been digitized and made available online.

The second half of the guide includes materials that are available to access on-site at LancasterHistory in our Research Center. First are materials from our Archives. Each listing includes a link to the Finding Aid so that you can learn more about the items in that manuscript group. Next are materials in the Library collection, which can be found in our catalogue by searching for the title and located on-site using the call number listed here. Next are items from our Photograph collection, which include links to the object record with the digital photograph attached. Finally, we have listed items from our Artifact collection, which can be found by searching for the Object ID or by following the direct link to the object record in our catalogue.

If you have any questions about how to use these guides or need to report a broken link, please email [research@lancasterhistory.org](mailto:research@lancasterhistory.org).

If you would like to schedule an appointment at our Research Center or learn more about visiting, you can do so here: <https://www.lancasterhistory.org/research>

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# Online Resources

**American Jewish Archives**

<https://www.americanjewisharchives.org/>

**American Jewish Historical Society**

<https://ajhs.org/>

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**Jewish Women’s Archive** [https://jwa.org/](%09https://jwa.org/)

**Jewish Virtual Library**

<https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/>

**Yivo Institute for Jewish Research**

<https://www.yivo.org/>

# Digitized Articles and Books from LancasterHistory

**“Early Jewish Colony”**

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo7792>

**“Lancaster's first Jewish community, 1715 to 1804 : the era of Joseph Simon”**

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo1019>

**“Lancaster in 1772”**

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo7791>

**“Ode to the United States on its bicentennial and to the rededication of its people to the principles of the Declaration of Independence”**

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo124>

**“Religious Life in Lancaster Borough”**

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo4853>

**“Sketch of Joseph Simon”**

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo4085>

**“Trouble in Paradise”**

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo2923>

# LancasterHistory’s On-Site Resources

## Archives Collection

**Charles Kessler Papers**

**Finding Aid:** <https://www.lancasterhistory.org/finding-aids/kessler-charles-kessler-papers-1939-2004/>

**Jewish Family Service of Lancaster Papers**

**Finding Aid:** <https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/9c844278-72d0-4e33-8efb-273771858499>

**Joseph Simon Papers**

**Finding Aid:** <https://www.lancasterhistory.org/finding-aids/simon-joseph-simon-papers-1754-1786/>

**Records of the Lancaster Chapter of the National Conference of Christians & Jews**

**Finding Aid:** <https://www.lancasterhistory.org/finding-aids/records-of-the-lancaster-chapter-of-the-national-conference-of-christians-jews-1964-1977/>

## Library Collection

### Non-Bibliographic Materials

**Jewish Historical Society** – Information File

**Jews of Lancaster** – Information File

**Microfilm Drawer 1, sec. 2: #156** Miscellaneous and family notes copied from the Lancaster County Historical Society

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo15979>

### Books

**277.48 H114**  The practice of pluralism : congregational life and religious diversity in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, 1730-1820archiv

**280 L244** Lancaster County churches in the Revolutionary War era

**291.65 W763**  Places of worship exploring their history

**296 M322** Early American Jewry

**296.33 N489**  The immortality of man; a Jewish viewpoint

**296.8 B837** Lancaster's gates of heaven: Portals to the Past : The 19th Century Jewish Community of Lancaster, Pennsylvania and Congregation Shaarai Shomayim, 1856-1976

**296.8 B837j** The Jews of Lancaster, Pennsylvania: A Story with Two Beginnings

**296.8 C749** Congregation Shaarei Shomayim 250th Anniversary Book

**296.8 F899** Jewish identity and concepts of tradition : An archaeological and ethnographic study in Lancaster, Pennsylvania

**296.8 K18**  Jewish perceptions of America : from melting pot to mosaic

**296.8 K64** A history of the Jews in Lancaster: Compiled in commemoration of the tercentenary of the arrival of Jews in America in 1654

**296.8 J59**  The early Jewish settlement at Lancaster, Pennsylvania

**296.8 D317**  Degel Israel cemetery transcriptions

**296.8 R476** Early legal records of Jews of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

**296.8 S524** Cemetery Census Congregation Shaarei Shomayim

**296.8 S524L** Centenary Journal: Shaarai Shomayim 5617-5717 (1856-1957)

**323.44 F939**  A perfect freedom : Religious Liberty in Pennsylvania

**757 F141** Facing the new world : Jewish portraits in colonial and federal America

**920.1 G773p** Letters of Rebecca Gratz

**920.7 S539**  Their gifts keep giving : the saga of Mary Sachs and her two co-worker sisters

**929 F834f**  The Lee Max Friedman collection of American Jewish colonial correspondence: letters of the Franks family, 1733-1748

**929.1 A961** Avotaynu guide to Jewish genealogy

**929.1 C678**  Shtetl finder : Jewish communities in the 19th and early 20th centuries in the pale of settlement of Russia and Poland, and in Lithuania, Latvia, Galicia, and Bukovina, with names of residents

**929.1 E56s** The Encyclopedia of Jewish life before and during the Holocaust

**929.1 K96**  From generation to generation : how to trace your Jewish genealogy and family history

**929.1 M716**  Getting started in Jewish genealogy

**929.1 P924**  Jewish genealogy resources : Mid-Atlantic states

**929.1 R851**  Finding our fathers : a guidebook to Jewish genealogy

**929.1 Z93**  Sourcebook for Jewish genealogies and family histories

**974.811 P419**  The Peoples of Philadelphia; a history of ethnic groups and lower-class life, 1790-1940

**974.811 W853j** The history of the Jews of Philadelphia from colonial times to the age of Jackson

**974.818 C692** The Jews of Harrisburg: An Informal History by a Native Son

### Journal Articles

**905.748 PDF v.34** “The image of the Jew in south-central Pennsylvania”

**974.819 L441 v. 4** “ Annals of Shaefferstown ; with some reference to the early Jewish community”

**974.83 C748** “The Jewish Community in Luzerne County”

### Journal of the Lancaster County Historical Society

**Vol. 103, no. 2:** “The Wealth of Years: Collecting and Remembering Lancaster County”

## Photograph Collection

**Object ID 1-01-06-21,** Grave of Joseph Simon in Shaarai Shomayim Cemetery

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/b9b658b1-bcc5-4738-b5b9-255721798034>

**Object ID 1-05-04-51,** Rev. F.M. Mongelluzi and Rabbi Samson A. Shain

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/f188b3b5-65aa-4c4e-a6cd-034771379310>

**Object ID 1-05-04-54,** Rabbi Shain with exchange students

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/4a125edf-9adb-4189-88af-560154840220>

**Object ID 1-07-01-09,** Grave of Joseph Simon and family at Shaarai Shomayim Cemetery

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/811c7f3b-c049-4453-8a2e-655685134447>

**Object ID 1-07-01-10,** Grave of Joseph Simon and family at Shaarai Shomayim Cemetery

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/a9c799d7-0314-4d9a-8412-833900604092>

**Object ID 1-07-01-11,** Historic marker at Shaarai Shomayim Cemetery on East Liberty Street

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/8221c2a2-ab1c-48b9-bcbb-493490338172>

**Object ID 1-07-01-12,** Gravestone in Hebrew at Shaarai Shomayim Cemetery

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/7c710015-6664-47ea-ba77-956285541780>

**Object ID 1-07-01-13,** Gravestone at Shaarai Shomayim Cemetery

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/3a93068a-2ea2-48ce-bd37-356571545630>

**Object ID 1-07-01-14,** Gravestone in Hebrew at Shaarai Shomayim Cemetery

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/f8d8985c-8885-4044-a3dc-164838232250>

**Object ID 1-14-02-69,** Glass-Plate Negative: Boys' High School, First Presbyterian Church and Rebecca Gratz.

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/c9485792-ba19-4a76-8849-331002853110>

### Lancaster 250 Collection

**Object ID A-10-01-11,** Jewish Harmonie Club at Hotel Brunswick for Captain Joseph Goldberg's birthday party

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/c64e905e-562f-43d1-99d9-495354251245>

**Object ID A-10-01-12,** Farewell luncheon for Olga Lurio at the Iris Club, 323 North Duke Street, given by the Women of the Jewish Congregation

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/7f91ce78-11a3-4212-8f02-204534730920>

**Object ID A-10-01-13,** Members of the Lancaster Jewish community gather for the Purim Mas Bal in 1925

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/9a3f4ded-73b5-40b8-a826-712541583750>

**Object ID A-10-01-14,** James Brenner's Bar Mitzvah with Rabbi William Sanderson officiating

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/a13d6ac0-6083-4a51-9c1c-320172285072>

**Object ID A-10-01-15**, Jewish Religious School outing in 1930

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/47cfe32f-8e6f-409a-ab51-347541641530>

**Object ID A-10-01-16,** Jewish Confirmation Class of 1923

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/ce8d133f-b524-4756-a9a1-580991669650>

**Object ID A-10-01-17,** Entrance to Shaarai Shomayim Cemetery

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/534860fb-c905-40c1-89c4-218273179080>

### Darmstaetter Collection

**Object ID D-03-02-72,** Degel Israel Synagogue interior

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/8ded5498-d57a-4c5f-8bb8-284417642430>

**Object ID D-03-03-51,** Gravestone of Joseph Simon at Sharaai Shomayim Cemetery

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/ee94c25c-8c6a-4386-b109-158782201822>

**Object ID D-03-03-52,** Sharaai Shomayim Cemetery showing gravestone of Rosa Simon

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/e2de505f-532a-4413-a1bc-451018111743>

**Object ID D-07-04-02,** Beth El Temple Synagogue, Downingtown, PA

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/842e9d82-3680-4cce-92c3-506964540540>

**Object ID D-13-02-09,** Beth El Temple Synagogue, Downingtown

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/a8312bfe-4018-4a2f-a7ae-956885852354>

### Discover Lancaster Collection

**Object ID DL-02-07-13,** Amish boy watching a Jewish family board a train at Strasburg Railroad

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/046244fe-a6bb-4540-b41a-458045899584>

### Johnny Hauck Photograph Collection

**Object ID JH-01-04-36,** Abe (Callahan) Lifshitz, sensational Jewish Heavyweight contender

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/a895f9f9-07c6-4d2c-86f8-584686713360>

## Objects Collection

**HC-27-01-11,** Transparency slide of a piece ofFraktur with Hebrew script by a Mount Pleasant artist

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/9d24dfe4-17a4-4a84-b0c3-479720781561>

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