

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 FindingAid 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.

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/>

Jewish Women's Archive

<https://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 of Fraktur with Hebrew script by a Mount Pleasant artist
<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/9d24dfe4-17a4-4a84-b0c3-479720781561>