
Learning Our Craft:

Online Opportunities for Improving Our Research Skills

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If one wishes to do quality research, one can never stop learning. Webcasts, webinars, online courses, blogs, podcasts, FaceBook, YouTube, discussion groups, wikis – these are a few of the plethora of opportunities for genealogy enthusiasts to hone their skills. Since there are many different learning styles, this talk will focus on types of online learning opportunities (their strengths and weaknesses) and where one may find them. We'll also discuss creating a personalized learning plan for not only selecting the best online learning opportunities to meet our needs and learning styles, but also fitting learning opportunities into our busy lives.

- Evaluate your skills
- Evaluate how much time (when/where/how) you will reserve for improving your skills
- Develop a learning plan

General Information/Wikis

Cyndi's list (education): <http://www.cyndislist.com/education/>

Encyclopedia of Jewish Genealogy: <https://bloodandfrogs.com/encyclopedia>

Family History Research Wiki: <https://familysearch.org/wiki/en>

Ancestry Family History Wiki: https://www.ancestry.com/wiki/index.php?title=Main_Page

International Society of Genetic Genealogy Wiki: http://isogg.org/wiki/Wiki_Welcome_Page

Text sources

JewishGen InfoFiles: <http://www.jewishgen.org/InfoFiles/>

JewishGen Discussion Group: <http://www.jewishgen.org/JewishGen/DiscussionGroup.htm>

Ancestry Message Boards: <http://boards.ancestry.com/>

BCG Skillbuilding: <http://www.bgcercertification.org/skillbuilders/index.html>

Evidence Explained: <https://www.evidenceexplained.com/>

Genealogy.com Message Boards <http://www.genealogy.com/forum/>

FaceBook

“Genealogy on FaceBook list” <https://socialmediagenealogy.com/genealogy-on-facebook-list/>

“FaceBook for Canadian Genealogy” http://genealogyalacarte.ca/?page_id=10169

Tracing the Tribe: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/tracingthetribe/>

Jewish Genealogy Portal: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/JewishGenealogyPortal/>

Technology for Genealogy <https://www.facebook.com/groups/techgen/>

International Society of Genetic Genealogy <https://www.facebook.com/groups/isogg/>

Blogs

Geneabloggers: <http://www.geneabloggers.com/>

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter: <https://blog.eogn.com/>

The Blog at Evidence Explained: <https://www.evidenceexplained.com/quicktips/ee>

Adventures in Genealogy Education: <http://genealogyeducation.blogspot.com/>

Feedly (organize read and share blog posts): <https://www.feedly.com>

Podcasts

Genealogy Gems: <http://lisalouisecooke.com/>

Family Tree Magazine Podcast: <http://www.familytreemagazine.com/info/podcasts>

The Genealogy Guys and Genealogy Connection: <http://genealogyguys.com/>

Extreme Genes: <http://extremegenes.com/>

Research at the National Archives and Beyond:

<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/bernicebennett>

The Forget-Me-Not Hour: <http://www.blogtalkradio.com/janeewilcox>

The Genealogy Professional Podcast: <http://www.thegenealogyprofessional.com/>

Backstory with the American History Guys: <http://backstoryradio.org/>

The Shmooze (Yiddish Book Center): <http://www.yiddishbookcenter.org/language-literature-culture/the-shmooze>

Pod catchers

iTunes: <http://www.apple.com/itunes/>

Will Nicol, "How to Download and Listen to Podcasts on Android or IOS," Digital Trends (<http://www.digitaltrends.com/mobile/how-to-download-listen-to-podcasts-android-ios-iphone/> : accessed 12 April 2017).

"Everything you need to know about listening to podcasts..."

(<http://www.thesimpledollar.com/everything-you-need-to-know-about-listening-to-podcasts-my-favorite-free-form-of-entertainment/> : accessed 12 April 2017)

tom's guide, "Best podcast apps" (<http://www.tomsguide.com/us/pictures-story/555-best-podcast-apps.html#s1> : accessed 12 April 2017)

"List of podcatchers," *Wikipedia* (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_podcatchers)

Videos

JewishGen Videos: <http://www.jewishgen.org/Education/>

FamilySearch Learning Center:

<https://familysearch.org/ask/landing?search=Getting%20Started&show=lessons&message=true>

YouTube Channels:

genealogy site:youtube.com [or search on specific website name (e.g., Ancestry)]

JGS Long Island: <http://jgsli.org/youtube/>

Genealogy Gems: <https://www.youtube.com/user/GenealogyGems>

Dear Myrtle: <https://www.youtube.com/user/DearMYRTLE>

"Hangouts vs. Hangouts on Air":

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S0tNgZdPbMk&feature=share>

BYU Family History Library: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7hqNOQt-2AfeVEpDuc7sCA>

U.S. National Archives “Know Your Records”:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLC641EF0E3F8AFDF9>

Ancestry: <https://www.youtube.com/user/AncestryCom>

MyHeritage: <https://www.youtube.com/user/MyHeritageLtd>

Webinars (live and archived)

GeneaWebinars (calendar): <http://blog.geneawebinars.com/>

Southern California Genealogical Society:

<http://www.scgsgenealogy.com/webinar/overview.html>

Illinois State Genealogical Society: <http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=227>

Board for Certification of Genealogists: <http://bcgcertification.org/blog/bcg-webinars/>

Legacy Family Tree Webinars: <http://familytreewebinars.com/>

Genetic genealogy videos: http://isogg.org/wiki/Genetic_genealogy_videos

Mondays with Myrt: <http://blog.dearmyrtle.com/p/mondays-with-myrt.html>

Online Courses

JewishGen: <http://www.jewishgen.org/Education/>

National Genealogical Society: http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/educational_courses

Family Tree University: <https://www.familytreeuniversity.com/>

BYU Independent Study Online Courses: <http://is.byu.edu/site/courses/free.cfm#>

ProGen Study Group: <http://progenstudy.org/>

Boston University Center for Professional Education:

<http://onlinecourselearning.com/bu/genealogyonline/>

Excelsior College Center for Professional Development:

<http://onlinecourselearning.com/excelsior/genealogy/>

National Institute for Genealogical Studies:

<http://www.genealogicalstudies.com/eng/gstudies.html>

Salt Lake Community College Continuing Education:

<http://www.slcccontinuinged.com/program/genealogy>

Duolingo – learn languages free, online: <https://www.duolingo.com/>

YIVO – online classes: <https://yivo.org/online-classes>

Yiddish Book Center online Yiddish course: <http://www.yiddishbookcenter.org/educational-programs/online-on-site/online-courses>

Virtual Conferences

IAJGS Live!: TBA

IAJGS audio recordings: TBA

RootsTech (video archive): <https://www.rootstech.org/>

National Genealogical Society Conference (live streaming):

<http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/program/>

Family Tree University Virtual Conferences: <https://www.familytreeuniversity.com/>

Virtual Institute of Genealogical Research: <http://vigrgenealogy.com/>

Southern California Genealogical Society Jamboree <http://www.genealogyjamboree.com/>

