RESOURCES FOR ARGENTINIAN JEWISH GENEALOGY

Background Articles

Jewish Agricultural Colonization in Argentina by Morton D. Winsberg Source: Geographical Review, Oct. 1964, Vol. 54, No. 4, pp. 487-501. Stable URL: https://www.jstor.org/stable/212978

Facebook AGJA Files

At the files section of the AGJA's Facebook group, there are a lot of publications of interest, you can download for free. Most of it is in Spanish.

Websites

Judeo-Argentina Genealogy Association (**AGJA. Lots of useful links, English (partial) interface)**

AGJA shows only a small portion of what it has. There are many databases that cannot be published, for many reasons, but are available for free search asking by mail to consultas.agja@gmail.com (either Spanish or English will be okay) or by just joining the AGJA Facebook group and asking for help.

The main cemeteries database (about 300.000 records and growing) is already uploaded at Jewishgen.org, but there are many other smaller databases like more than 15000 ketuvoth from Buenos Aires region, death certificates, data from the colonies' schools, cemeteries from Uruguay, Chile, and other South American countries, etc.

 AGJA is building another site at Google maps that can be useful, especially for those who are planning to visit Argentina to see the colonies. It's a map with the location of Jewish sites of interest. Bear in mind that it's a work in progress. You can locate with high precision on this site most of the old cemeteries, some of which are very hard to find; the old train stations that the colonists mentioned, many of them had disappeared; and some of the boundaries of the colonies, where available. And, as you have the tools from Google, you can see distances, and much more. https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1-5UZYLsYnOY4X38pkbxQpU9egO9CUTRt&usp=sharing

Passengers:

[Center for Latin American Migration Studies (CEMLA)](#)

Free search of passenger arrivals to Buenos Aires. It's not complete, but is the most complete we have. The interface is in Spanish. You must enter the surname exactly as written, Soundex does not exist for this interface. Try different spellings. You don't need to put given name and/or dates, unless you need to reduce the number of hits. It shows the first ten results, that can be extended to the first one hundred. It covers from 1882 to 1960 Buenos Aires maritime arrivals, but is not complete.

Search of passenger's arrivals from the earlier dates could be found at
http://www.entradadepasajeros.com.ar/

But will be hard to find Jewish people in that period (1821 to 1869).

Census records:

There are only two national census available online, for 1869 (almost no Jews) and for 1895. Both are available for free at www.Familysearch.org

There is another census online, just for the Santa Fe province, dated 1887, that can be searched for free at https://www.santafe.gov.ar/censo1887/

Civil certificates (Birth, marriage, death):

Available from about 1886. The official sites generally do not accept foreign requests. Although the fees are cheap for an average American citizen -- maybe two to five US dollars, depending -- they refuse to serve people from other countries. There are two alternatives:
ask an Argentine friend to request it for you or hire a private company to purchase a copy of the certificate for you. Some people have had less than positive experiences hiring a company. There are at least two such companies : www.dateas.com and www.partidasya.com They may overcharge.

For Entre Rios, Corrientes and Salta Provinces, where many of the early colonies were located, there are civil records at FamilySearch.org. You might search images by place, like "Entre Rios, Argentina". To avoid most of records of no interest, like catholic, select "Legal" "at life events"

Public library:

There is an on-line public library from which you can legally download a lot of books related to our Argentine Jewish history. Just try it for free: https://www.congresojudio.org/biblioteca-popular-judia.php

White Pages

You can search the Argentine white pages (phone directory) by surname, phone number or by address. Here is the link:
http://www.paginasblancas.com.ar/

Facebook Groups

Private group -- AGJA's official group. English or Spanish are welcome.
https://www.facebook.com/groups/Gen.Judia.AR

Private group -- Jewish Diaspora in Argentina. Memories of our Colonies ...
https://www.facebook.com/groups/1791767487647132

Public group – Jewish genealogy at Argentina
https://www.facebook.com/groups/1035601963516695

Public group -- Jewish colonization in Argentina. Life stories
https://www.facebook.com/groups/233186150522

JewishGen Pages

Jewish Genealogical Research in Argentina by Diana Nimcowitz

Basavilbaso - Lucienville, Argentina A Baron Hirsch Settlement in the Province of Entre Rios

Basovilbaso Vital Records

Jewish Agricultural Colonies, adjacent towns and villages in Southern Ukraine

The JewishGen Latin America Database

Other international sites:

https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/argentina-virtual-jewish-history-tour

https://libguides.cjh.org/genealogyguides/argentina/intro