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CATEGORY	SUB-CATEGORY	NAME	RECORD TYPE or SYNONYM	CATEGORIZATION TYPE	DEFINITION
Vital Events	Birth	Birth Announcements	Rec	Cross-reference of Media:Articles	Written announcements of the birth of a child; (originally) one published in a newspaper in a section devoted to announcements of births, deaths, marriages, etc.; (later also) one sent to family and friends, posted on social media, etc.
Vital Events	Birth	Birth Notices	Syn	Cross-reference of Media:Articles	Written announcements of the birth of a child; (originally) one published in a newspaper in a section devoted to announcements of births, deaths, marriages, etc.; (later also) one sent to family and friends, posted on social media, etc.
Vital Events	Birth	Birth Certificates	Rec	Primary	Documents the birth of a person. The term "birth certificate" can refer to either the original document certifying the circumstances of the birth or to a certified copy of or representation of the ensuing registration of that birth. May include name, sex, date, place and parents.
Vital Events	Birth	Legal Birth Extract Records	Syn	Primary	Documents the birth of a person. The term "birth certificate" can refer to either the original document certifying the circumstances of the birth or to a certified copy of or representation of the ensuing registration of that birth. May include name, sex, date, place and parents.
Vital Events	Birth	Birth Registers	Rec	Primary	Official logs of births either within a governmental jurisdiction (civil record) or within a religious community (e.g. synagogue, church, or parish).
Vital Events	Birth	Delayed Birth Records	Rec	Primary	Births recorded more than one year after the date of birth. May have been many years after birth if jurisdiction at birth

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					did not require recording, or may record a live birth when no physician was present. It may also be used to document the birth of an immigrant who has no original documentation.
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Vital Events	Birth	Mohel Books	Rec	Cross-reference of Institution Records:Other Institutions	Records kept by a mohel, a person who performs the Jewish rite of circumcision, listing the name and birthdate of each baby circumcised, along with the father's name. In some cases a certificate of circumcision is issued that may include: names and addresses of the mohel, parents of the baby and the baby's date of birth.
Vital Events	Birth	Circumcision Registers	Syn	Cross-reference of Institution Records:Other Institutions	Records kept by a mohel, a person who performs the Jewish rite of circumcision, listing the name and birthdate of each baby circumcised, along with the father's name. In some cases a certificate of circumcision is issued that may include: names and addresses of the mohel, parents of the baby and the baby's date of birth.
Vital Events	Marriage	Ketubot	Rec	Cross-reference of Institution Records:Synagogue	Documents that are the formal contract in a Jewish religious marriage that specify financial protection for the wife in the event that the husband dies or divorces her. A Ketubah contains the date and location of the marriage, the name of

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					the rabbi, names of witnesses and in most cases includes the bride's and groom's parents names.
Vital Events	Marriage	Ketubahs	Syn	Cross-reference of Institution Records:Synagogue	Documents that are the formal contract in a Jewish religious marriage that specify financial protection for the wife in the event that the husband dies or divorces her. A Ketubah contains the date and location of the marriage, the name of the rabbi, names of witnesses and in most cases includes the bride's and groom's parents names.
Vital Events	Marriage	Marriage Announcements	Rec	Cross-reference of Media:Articles	Notices that inform the community of a marriage, issued before or after the marriage takes place. Often they are written articles in newspapers or newsletters. In recent years these announcements may be mailed or posted on social media.
Vital Events	Marriage	Wedding Announcements	Syn	Cross-reference of Media:Articles	Notices that inform the community of a marriage, issued before or after the marriage takes place. Often they are written articles in newspapers or newsletters. In recent years these announcements may be mailed or posted on social media.
Vital Events	Marriage	Marriage Banns	Rec	Primary	Notices that inform the community of an impending marriage. They are intended to solicit feedback from the community as to whether such a marriage may be illegal because of prior undissolved marriages or undisclosed familial relationships.
Vital Events	Marriage	Marriage Certificates	Rec	Primary	Documents that certify a civil marriage has taken place. They typically contain date and place of the ceremony, and are signed by the parties,

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					witnesses, and officiant.
Vital Events	Marriage	Marriage Licenses	Rec	Primary	Documents issued by a government authority that permits the marriage officiant and the couple to proceed with the marriage.
Vital Events	Marriage	Notary Prenuptial Agreements	Rec	Primary	Documents of an agreement made by a couple and/or their families before they marry concerning the ownership of their respective assets should the marriage fail. In some jurisdictions, the agreement is notarized and filed.
Vital Events	Marriage	Prenuptial Agreements	Syn	Primary	Documents of an agreement made by a couple and/or their families before they marry concerning the ownership of their respective assets should the marriage fail. In some jurisdictions, the agreement is notarized and filed.
Vital Events	Marriage	Anniversary Announcements	Rec	Cross-reference of Media:Articles	Published announcements of marital anniversaries (i.e. 50th Anniversary) of persons that list information about children and grandchildren, etc.
Vital Events	Marriage	Civil Marriages	Rec	Primary	A legally recongnized civil marriage may take place on a different date than the religious marriage. In some countries a civil marriage must take place prior to a religious ceremony.
Vital Events	Marriage	Civil Weddings	Syn	Primary	A legally recongnized civil marriage may take place on a different date than the religious marriage. In some countries a civil marriage must take place prior to a religious ceremony.
Vital Events	Marriage	Marriage Authorisation Records	Rec	Cross-reference of Institution Records:Synagogue	These record details of marriages due to be performed by synagogues that were members of the United

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					Synagogue. They may include names, information about fathers, the groom's brothers and hometowns in English and Yiddish.
Vital Events	Divorce	Divorce Announcements	Rec	Cross-reference of Media:Articles	Notices that inform the community that a couple has legally and officially terminated their marriage. Often published in newspapers or newsletters.
Vital Events	Divorce	Divorce Certificates	Rec	Primary	Civil documents certifying that a marriage has been dissolved. They typically contain the date and place of the divorce and the former couple's names.
Vital Events	Divorce	Marriage Dissolution Certificates	Syn	Primary	Civil documents certifying that a marriage has been dissolved. They typically contain the date and place of the divorce and the former couple's names.
Vital Events	Divorce	Gets	Rec	Cross-reference of Institution Records:Rabbinical	Documents in Jewish religious law which effectuates a divorce between a Jewish couple
Vital Events	Divorce	Jewish Divorce Records	Syn	Cross-reference of Institution Records:Rabbinical	Documents in Jewish religious law which effectuates a divorce between a Jewish couple
Vital Events	Death	Burial Records	Rec	Cross-reference of Institution Records:Cemetery / Funeral Home	Records related to the burial of an individual that may include: the location of the burial plot for the deceased, information about the burial (name of the deceased and date of burial), name of the funeral home, contact information for the individual and/or society arranging the burial and contact information for the individual responsible for maintaining the grave, if applicable. Some cemeteries maintain additional information about the deceased.
Vital Events	Death	Burial Authorisations	Syn	Cross-reference of Institution Records:Cemetery / Funeral Home	Records related to the burial of an individual that may include: the location of the burial plot for the

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					deceased, information about the burial (name of the deceased and date of burial), name of the funeral home, contact information for the individual and/or society arranging the burial and contact information for the individual responsible for maintaining the grave, if applicable. Some cemeteries maintain additional information about the deceased.
Vital Events	Death	Burial Transit Record	Rec	Primary	Permits or notices regarding transport of bodies for burial or other disposition, often in another jurisdiction. In the United States they are typically issued by the local department of health and may include the name of the deceased, and date of transport and/or date of death, and possibly other information about the deceased.
Vital Events	Death	Transport for Burial	Syn	Primary	Permits or notices regarding transport of bodies for burial or other disposition, often in another jurisdiction. In the United States they are typically issued by the local department of health and may include the name of the deceased, and date of transport and/or date of death, and possibly other information about the deceased.
Vital Events	Death	Cemetery Stones	Rec	Cross-reference of Institution Records:Cemetery / Funeral Home	Inscriptions on traditional Jewish tombstones show the name of the deceased and the given name of the deceased's father (and sometimes mother), as well as the date of death. They often show the age or date of birth.
Vital Events	Death	Death Certificates	Rec	Primary	Official records that certify the death of an individual. Typically include date, time, and

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					location of death; cause of death; name of witnesses; and burial information.
Vital Events	Death	Kodes	Rec	Primary	Documents that specify gifts stipulated in last wills, destined for the community, for the school, for the poor, for the Holy Land, for freeing of prisoners, or occasionally for buying material objects such as Flemish candeliers. They were recorded from 1639 throughout centuries by the Jews in the Netherlands. Kodes may not document the precise date of death, but may include family relations and instructions for the saying of the escava.
Vital Events	Death	Member Deaths	Rec	Cross-reference of Institution Records:Society	Notices of an individual's passing or obituaries published in the records of a membership organization to which the deceased had belonged.
Vital Events	Death	Obituaries	Rec	Cross-reference of Media:Articles	Published or unpublished death announcements. A particular obituary may be a simple death notice or an elaborate biography of the deceased. Obituaries usually give the name of the deceased and the death or burial date. They may also contain information such as the birth date, marriage date, names of parents and spouse, children, occupation, education, and the location of living family members at the time the obituary was written.
Vital Events	Death	Wills	Rec	Cross-reference of Personal:Financial and Legal	Documents that specify to whom one's assets shall be disbursed after death. Wills can provide family names and relationships. Wills may be witnessed, notarized, and on file and or recorded in a governmental court office.

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Vital Events	Death	Yahrzeit Records	Rec	Cross-reference of Institution Records:Synagogue	Lists or synagogue wall plaques contributed by congregation members to remember a relative's death anniversary. Yahrzeit dates are usually calculated using the Hebrew calendar.
Vital Events	Death	Death Announcements	Rec	Cross-reference of Media:Articles	TBD
Vital Events	Death	Death Notices	Rec	Cross-reference of Media:Articles	TBD
Vital Events	Death	Yahrzeit Plaques	Rec	Cross-reference of Institution Records:Synagogue	TBD
Vital Events	Other Vital Records	Adoption Records	Rec	Primary	Records of information related to a child's adoption, including information about the: child's medical and social history; adoption decree; name and sex of the child; name of the birth mother; name of the adoption agency, orphanage or hospital; name of an attorney; photographs; and original and amended birth certificate.
Vital Events	Other Vital Records	Church Records	Rec	Primary	Documents that churches have kept about their congregations recording information about christenings, baptisms, marriages, and burials. Information includes name(s) of the individual(s) involved, date and location of the event, and the clergyman's name. May include parents' names, names of witnesses to an event, and individual's or family's place of residence. In some areas, Jewish life events were recorded in church records.
Vital Events	Other Vital Records	Civil Registrations	Rec	Primary	The continuous, permanent, compulsory and universal recording of the occurrence and characteristics of vital events pertaining to the population as provided through decree or

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					regulation in accordance with the legal requirements of a country. Civil registration is carried out primarily for the purpose of establishing the legal documents required by law. These records are also a main source of vital statistics. Vital events that are typically recorded on the register include live birth, death, foetal death, name, change of name, marriage, divorce, annulment of marriage, judicial separation of marriage, adoption, legitimization and recognition.
Institution Records	Synagogue	Ketubot	Rec	Primary	Documents that are the formal contract in a Jewish religious marriage that specify financial protection for the wife in the event that the husband dies or divorces her. A Ketubah contains the date and location of the marriage, the name of the rabbi, names of witnesses and in most cases includes the bride's and groom's parents names.
Institution Records	Synagogue	Ketubahs	Syn	Primary	Documents that are the formal contract in a Jewish religious marriage that specify financial protection for the wife in the event that the husband dies or divorces her. A Ketubah contains the date and location of the marriage, the name of the rabbi, names of witnesses and in most cases includes the bride's and groom's parents names.
Institution Records	Synagogue	Member Deaths	Rec	Cross-reference of Institution Records:Society	Notices of an individual's passing or obituaries published in the records of a membership organization to which the deceased had belonged.
Institution	Synagogue	Yahrzeit Records	Rec	Primary	Lists or synagogue wall

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Records					plaques contributed by congregation members to remember a relative's death anniversary. Yahrzeit dates are usually calculated using the Hebrew calendar.
Institution Records	Synagogue	Bar / Bat Mitzvahs	Rec	Primary	Records of bar mitzvahs or bat mitzvahs that occurred within the congregation. This Jewish milestone is reached when the child reaches the age of religious responsibilities; for boys when they turn 13 years old and for girls when they turn 12 years old. Synagogue records may contain the names of the boy or girl as well as the date of the occasion (from which a date of birth can be approximated).
Institution Records	Synagogue	Birth / Marriage / Death Registers - Souza	Rec	Primary	Records that the synagogue maintains concerning a congregant's and their family's key life events including: birth, circumcision, bar and bat mitzvah, marriage and death.
Institution Records	Synagogue	Bonds - Registro de obrigacons	Rec	Primary	Financial records of a synagogue showing the bonds owned or administered by the synagogue or individuals..
Institution Records	Synagogue	Butcher Tax Records	Rec	Primary	List of weekly taxes collected from butchers.
Institution Records	Synagogue	Livro da conta dos carniseyros	Syn	Primary	List of weekly taxes collected from butchers.
Institution Records	Synagogue	Cashbooks - Livro da caixa	Rec	Primary	Records of a congregation's financial transactions.
Institution Records	Synagogue	Correspondence	Rec	Cross-reference of Institution Records:Society	Documents of communications by exchange of letters, emails or texts between an organization and its members or external communications with other individuals and organizations.
Institution Records	Synagogue	Decisions and Regulations -	Rec	Primary	Registers of decisions. Each decision is listed

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		Escamoth			separately without reference to discussions, and signed by the mahamad (council of elders in a Sephardic community). Registers include tax lists, lists of the poor, lists of donations, lists of signatures (under political decisions), copies of wills, appointments of board members, treasurers, administrators and staff, donations (usually on the occasion of deaths intended for the saying of kaddish), convictions for offenses, banning of members, and wills.
Institution Records	Synagogue	Donations Mandatory - Fintas	Rec	Primary	Records of fintas (voluntary donations) collected by the synagogue.
Institution Records	Synagogue	Donations Voluntary - Promessas	Rec	Primary	Records of voluntary donations that are collected in the synagogue (notes of amounts would be noted down each Shabbat).
Institution Records	Synagogue	Dotar Files (Pautas)	Rec	Primary	Applications and lists of poor Sephardic orphaned girls and unmarried women who were entered in a lottery for dowries by the Dotar. The girls and women are listed along with the name and relationship of a relative who assigned them as "poor."
Institution Records	Synagogue	Dowry Records	Syn	Primary	Applications and lists of poor Sephardic orphaned girls and unmarried women who were entered in a lottery for dowries by the Dotar. The girls and women are listed along with the name and relationship of a relative who assigned them as "poor."
Institution Records	Synagogue	Poor Sephardic Orphans and Spinsters	Syn	Primary	Applications and lists of poor Sephardic orphaned girls and unmarried women who were entered in a lottery for dowries by the Dotar. The girls and

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					women are listed along with the name and relationship of a relative who assigned them as "poor."
Institution Records	Synagogue	Draft of Outgoing Documents - Borrardor de cartas	Rec	Primary	Drafts of official documents related to members of the congregation, regarding membership or citizenship.
Institution Records	Synagogue	Estate Registries - Livro de memoria	Rec	Primary	Register of notes concerning the administration of estates.
Institution Records	Synagogue	Event Records	Rec	Cross-reference of Institution Records:Society	Documents that provide information about important milestone, social, and educational events and programs in the history of the organization, including events from before the founding of the organization.
Institution Records	Synagogue	Financial Records - Livro grande	Rec	Primary	General ledgers of a synagogue's financial transactions.
Institution Records	Synagogue	Kaddish Lists	Rec	Primary	Lists of people for whom Kaddish is to be said.
Institution Records	Synagogue	Marriage Dispensations for Blood Relatives - Dispensacoens	Rec	Primary	Documents relating to dispensations granted by the States of Holland in cases of marriages between cousins. These marriages were forbidden but for the Sephardim a dispensation could be granted.
Institution Records	Synagogue	Membership Lists - Livro de irmaos	Rec	Primary	Administrative records of the members of the congregation
Institution Records	Synagogue	Minutes - Livro de segredos	Rec	Primary	Minutes of the presidents' meetings
Institution Records	Synagogue	Outgoing Documents - Copiardor de cartas	Rec	Primary	Copies of outgoing documents.
Institution Records	Synagogue	Photo Collections	Rec	Cross-reference of Institution Records:Society	Photographs that are collected and kept by individuals, organizations, communities, the military, Yad Vashem and many other sources. Includes photographs posted on social media.
Institution Records	Synagogue	Registers for Escava - Livro das ascaboth	Rec	Primary	Lists of names of people for whom escava (prayer for the rest of a deceased person's soul) is to be

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					said, generally on the Sabbath and/or on Yom Kippur.
Institution Records	Synagogue	Registers of Cemetery Decisions - Livro de Bet Haim	Rec	Primary	Listing of cemetery burials, with names, dates, people present, and contributions offered. Some records also include decisions about how the cemetery is to be operated.
Institution Records	Synagogue	Registers of Expenditures for the Poor - Livro longo de quatro contas	Rec	Primary	Registers of congregational expenditures for the poor.
Institution Records	Synagogue	Registers of Travel Money for Emigrees - Registro dos despachos	Rec	Primary	Lists of distributions to members for purposes of emigration.
Institution Records	Synagogue	Registers of Wills - Livro de testamentos	Rec	Primary	Records of the administration of wills of members of the congregation
Institution Records	Synagogue	Salaries and Annuities - Livro longo	Rec	Primary	Records of salaries and other periodic payments.
Institution Records	Synagogue	Livro Longo De Cuatro Contas	Syn	Primary	Records of salaries and other periodic payments.
Institution Records	Synagogue	Synagogue Cemetery Records	Rec	Primary	Records of synagogue members' use of the synagogue cemetery. Congregations with a large membership usually maintain their own cemeteries and burial registers, while smaller congregations reserve a section within other cemeteries. Information may include: plot books and maps, plot location of the deceased, name, age, marriage information, date and place of birth, who paid for the burial, and names of people (often relatives) buried in the same plot.
Institution Records	Synagogue	Taxes - Impostas	Rec	Primary	Records of taxes collected by the Synagogue.
Institution Records	Synagogue	Bar / Bat Mitzvah Announcements	Rec	Cross-reference of Media:Articles	Announcements of Barmitzvahs (and I suppose Batmitzvahs) in newspapers.
Institution Records	Synagogue	Charters	Rec	Primary	Charter and by-laws of a synagogue.

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Institution Records	Synagogue	Commemorative Plaques	Rec	Primary	Plaques on the walls of shuls to commemorate people.
Institution Records	Synagogue	Community Cookbooks	Rec	Cross-reference of Institution Records:Society	Books of recipes produced by Sisterhoods and other societies/ clubs/organizations. They also include cookbooks produced by newspapers containing recipes from their readers.
Institution Records	Synagogue	Event Programs	Rec	Cross-reference of Institution Records:Society	Printed sequences of the events and the main participants in a religious service, recital, graduation, etc.
Institution Records	Synagogue	Marriage Authorisation Records	Rec	Primary	These record details of marriages due to be performed by synagogues that were members of the United Synagogue. They may include names, information about fathers, the groom's brothers and hometowns in English and Yiddish.
Institution Records	Synagogue	Membership Plaques	Rec	Primary	Wall plaques listing founding members, donors and officers of the synagogue, sisterhood, brotherhood, Hebrew School, or other organizations.
Institution Records	Synagogue	Religious School Records	Rec	Primary	Classes or weekend educational studies that are specific to a temple or synagogue for children in pursuit of Bar Mitzvah or Confirmation.
Institution Records	Synagogue	Hebrew School Records	Syn	Primary	Classes or weekend educational studies that are specific to a temple or synagogue for children in pursuit of Bar Mitzvah or Confirmation.
Institution Records	Synagogue	Synagogue Election Records	Rec	Primary	Records of the candidates for the synagogue election, eligible voters, their votes and final results
Institution Records	Synagogue	Yahrzeit Plaques	Rec	Primary	TBD
Institution Records	Other Institutions	Mohel Books	Rec	Primary	Records kept by a mohel, a person who performs the Jewish rite of

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					circumcision, listing the name and birthdate of each baby circumcised, along with the father's name. In some cases a certificate of circumcision is issued that may include: names and addresses of the mohel, parents of the baby and the baby's date of birth.
Institution Records	Other Institutions	Circumcision Registers	Syn	Primary	Records kept by a mohel, a person who performs the Jewish rite of circumcision, listing the name and birthdate of each baby circumcised, along with the father's name. In some cases a certificate of circumcision is issued that may include: names and addresses of the mohel, parents of the baby and the baby's date of birth.
Institution Records	Other Institutions	Asylum Records	Rec	Primary	Records of patients, classified as insane or lunatic. Individuals were placed in asylums when they were deemed under contemporary definitions to be: of intermittent not sound memory and understanding; natural fools from birth, in debt, exhibiting anti-social behavior. Many records of asylums are kept in local archives, especially those of patients; most patient files have been destroyed.
Institution Records	Other Institutions	Lunacy Records	Syn	Primary	Records of patients, classified as insane or lunatic. Individuals were placed in asylums when they were deemed under contemporary definitions to be: of intermittent not sound memory and understanding; natural fools from birth, in debt, exhibiting anti-social behavior. Many records of asylums are kept in local archives, especially those of patients; most patient files have been destroyed.

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Institution Records	Other Institutions	Prison Records	Rec	Primary	Records of a place designated by law for the keeping of persons held in custody under process of law, or under lawful arrest, at any level or kind of jurisdiction.
Institution Records	Other Institutions	Correctional Institution Records	Syn	Primary	Records of a place designated by law for the keeping of persons held in custody under process of law, or under lawful arrest, at any level or kind of jurisdiction.
Institution Records	Other Institutions	Medical Records	Rec	Primary	Records of a patient's clinical data and medical history, such as demographics, diagnoses, medications, treatment plans, and test results. Access is often restricted even if the person is deceased.
Institution Records	Other Institutions	Medical Charts	Syn	Primary	Records of a patient's clinical data and medical history, such as demographics, diagnoses, medications, treatment plans, and test results. Access is often restricted even if the person is deceased.
Institution Records	Other Institutions	Orphanage Records	Rec	Primary	Records from an orphanage, a residential institution, or group home, devoted to the care of orphans and other children who were separated from their biological families. Information for each child may include name, birth date and places, parents' names, nationality, how received, township, when admitted, and to whom indentured.
Institution Records	Other Institutions	Poorhouse Records	Rec	Primary	Records from a facility to support and provide housing for the dependent or needy. Information may include name, sex, race, marital status, address of last residence, place of birth, citizenship status, occupation, religion, medical condition, parents' names,

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					occupation, cause of dependence, etc.
Institution Records	Other Institutions	Poor Farm Records	Syn	Primary	Records from a facility to support and provide housing for the dependent or needy. Information may include name, sex, race, marital status, address of last residence, place of birth, citizenship status, occupation, religion, medical condition, parents' names, occupation, cause of dependence, etc.
Institution Records	Other Institutions	Workhouse Records	Syn	Primary	Records from a facility to support and provide housing for the dependent or needy. Information may include name, sex, race, marital status, address of last residence, place of birth, citizenship status, occupation, religion, medical condition, parents' names, occupation, cause of dependence, etc.
Institution Records	Other Institutions	Sanitarium Records	Rec	Primary	Records from a facility where people with chronic illnesses or a need to convalesce are treated. Records for each patient may include name, case file number, address, birthdate, medical information, and admission and discharge dates. Frequently protected by privacy laws, even after the patient is deceased.
Institution Records	Other Institutions	Sanatorium Records	Syn	Primary	Records from a facility where people with chronic illnesses or a need to convalesce are treated. Records for each patient may include name, case file number, address, birthdate, medical information, and admission and discharge dates. Frequently protected by privacy laws, even after the patient is deceased.
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Institution Records	School	Event Records	Rec	Cross-reference of Institution Records:Society	Documents that provide information about important milestone, social, and educational events and programs in the history of the organization, including events from before the founding of the organization.
Institution Records	School	Photo Collections	Rec	Cross-reference of Institution Records:Society	Photographs that are collected and kept by individuals, organizations, communities, the military, Yad Vashem and many other sources. Includes photographs posted on social media.
Institution Records	School	Administrative Records	Rec	Primary	Documents kept by school authorities that may include: admission and withdrawals registers, attendance registers, class timetables, health records, individual student cumulative record cards, disciplinary records, transfer and leaving certificates, copies of birth certificates, names of parents and siblings and photos.
Institution Records	School	Certificates and Diplomas	Rec	Primary	Documents that certify a person that has successfully completed a particular course of study. Typically includes name and date of completion or graduation..
Institution Records	School	Class Records	Rec	Primary	Documents kept by a class teacher or professor that may include the following: names of students, attendance registers, examination results and disciplinary records
Institution Records	School	Reunion Attendee Lists	Rec	Primary	Lists of the names of classmates of a specific graduation year of a high school or university. They may include the addresses or contact information for the

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					former students.
Institution Records	School	School Yearbooks	Rec	Primary	Books published yearly as a report or summary of statistics or facts that may document names of a school's affiliated persons. It is a publication that serves as a written and photographic record of the year's activities, its students, and teachers. These books can exist at any level: elementary, secondary (high school), or university.
Institution Records	School	Event Programs	Rec	Cross-reference of Institution Records:Society	Printed sequences of the events and the main participants in a religious service, recital, graduation, etc.
Institution Records	School	Religious School Records	Rec	Cross-reference of Institution Records:Synagogue	Classes or weekend educational studies that are specific to a temple or synagogue for children in pursuit of Bar Mitzvah or Confirmation.
Institution Records	School	Hebrew School Records	Syn	Cross-reference of Institution Records:Synagogue	Classes or weekend educational studies that are specific to a temple or synagogue for children in pursuit of Bar Mitzvah or Confirmation.
Institution Records	School	School Newspapers	Rec	Primary	Newspaper often written by students and distributed by school
Institution Records	School	War Memorial Plaques	Rec	Cross-reference of Government:National and Local	TBD
Institution Records	Business & Employment	Craftsmen Records	Rec	Primary	Records of an association that may include names of skilled laborers, craftsmen, and apprenticeships, ages or dates of birth, places of origin and residence, family relationships, and types of skills to be learned. It may also include names of persons with whom the apprentice is indentured. Some guild records also list family members and dates of birth and marriages
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					laborers, craftsmen, and apprenticeships, ages or dates of birth, places of origin and residence, family relationships, and types of skills to be learned. It may also include names of persons with whom the apprentice is indentured. Some guild records also list family members and dates of birth and marriages
Institution Records	Business & Employment	Merchant Records	Syn	Primary	Records of an association that may include names of skilled laborers, craftsmen, and apprenticeships, ages or dates of birth, places of origin and residence, family relationships, and types of skills to be learned. It may also include names of persons with whom the apprentice is indentured. Some guild records also list family members and dates of birth and marriages
Institution Records	Business & Employment	Union Records	Syn	Primary	Records of an association that may include names of skilled laborers, craftsmen, and apprenticeships, ages or dates of birth, places of origin and residence, family relationships, and types of skills to be learned. It may also include names of persons with whom the apprentice is indentured. Some guild records also list family members and dates of birth and marriages
Institution Records	Business & Employment	Merchant Marine Records	Rec	Primary	Records that profile civilian mariners, during peacetime and war. Information typically includes the seaman's: name and address, place and date of birth, vessels served on, status, identification number, renewal and discharge information, certifications and licenses obtained, photographs, birth certificates, and other documents related to

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					union membership.
Institution Records	Business & Employment	Officials and Employees	Rec	Primary	Records that list the staff of a business / corporation or governmental jurisdiction and their roles within the organization. Officers in a business / corporation are employees that have authority over others. Officers in a governmental jurisdiction are appointed or elected.
Institution Records	Business & Employment	Professional Registers	Rec	Primary	Records that list the members of an organization created to further a particular profession/occupation. Information may include the members' name, professional qualification, and education.
Institution Records	Business & Employment	Union Records	Rec	Primary	Any records related to labor organization membership: unions, guilds
Institution Records	Business & Employment	Employment Pension Records	Rec	Primary	Documents related to a retirement plan that requires an employer to make contributions to a pool of funds set aside for a worker's future benefit. The pool of funds is invested on the employee's behalf, and the earnings on the investments generate income to the worker upon retirement.
Institution Records	Communal Organization	Communal Jewish Organization Records	Rec	Primary	TBD
Institution Records	Communal Organization	Jewish Historical Society Records	Rec	Primary	TBD
Institution Records	Communal Organization	Shareholder Lists	Rec	Primary	TBD
Institution Records	Society	Member Deaths	Rec	Primary	Notices of an individual's passing or obituaries published in the records of a membership organization to which the deceased had belonged.
Institution Records	Society	Correspondence	Rec	Primary	Documents of communications by exchange of letters, emails or texts between an organization and its members or external

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					communications with other individuals and organizations.
Institution Records	Society	Event Records	Rec	Primary	Documents that provide information about important milestone, social, and educational events and programs in the history of the organization, including events from before the founding of the organization.
Institution Records	Society	Photo Collections	Rec	Primary	Photographs that are collected and kept by individuals, organizations, communities, the military, Yad Vashem and many other sources. Includes photographs posted on social media.
Institution Records	Society	Cultural Group Files	Rec	Primary	Documents such as membership lists, correspondence, financial records, minutes of meetings, newsletters, photographs of group members and activities recorded by societies that represent interest in a specific cultural group.
Institution Records	Society	Donations	Rec	Primary	Records of the receipt of charitable contributions from donors that include the donor name and amount and may include a reason or occasion for the donation.
Institution Records	Society	Financial Records	Rec	Primary	Records of the organization's financial transactions
Institution Records	Society	Landsmanshaften Files	Rec	Primary	Files from a Jewish association of landsleit (ex-residents from the same locale or town) that was organized for social and philanthropic purposes. The Landsmanshaft organizations aided immigrants' transitions from Europe to America and other countries by providing social structure and support to those who arrived in the new country without the family networks and practical

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					skills that had sustained them in Europe. Some landsmanshaften formed burial societies. Toward the end of the 19th and in the beginning of the 20th centuries, they also provided immigrants an introduction to participating in a democracy, through their own meetings and procedures such as voting on officers, holding debates on community issues, and paying dues to support the society. Through the first half of the 20th century, meetings were often conducted and minutes recorded in Yiddish.
Institution Records	Society	Meeting Minutes	Rec	Primary	Notes of meetings that highlight the key issues that are discussed, motions proposed or voted on, and activities.
Institution Records	Society	Membership Lists	Rec	Primary	Lists of names of the members of an organization, society, club or similar type of group. May include addresses, telephone numbers, other contact information, positions, titles, etc.
Institution Records	Society	Newsletters	Rec	Cross-reference of Media:Publications	Bulletins that are issued with regular frequency; include articles about the activities of the organization, topical news items, and sometimes educational items of interest. They are sent to members, prospective members and partners. E-newsletters are delivered electronically via e-mail.
Institution Records	Society	Philanthropic Group Files	Rec	Primary	Files of non-profit entities that utilize donated assets and income to provide social services. Community foundations, endowments and charitable trusts are types of philanthropic organizations. The files may include: donors lists, recipients lists, financial

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					records, meeting minutes, communications, newsletters and correspondence.
Institution Records	Society	Foundation Files	Syn	Primary	Files of non-profit entities that utilize donated assets and income to provide social services. Community foundations, endowments and charitable trusts are types of philanthropic organizations. The files may include: donors lists, recipients lists, financial records, meeting minutes, communications, newsletters and correspondence.
Institution Records	Society	Society Association Files	Rec	Primary	Files of a society or an association of an organized group of persons associated together for religious, benevolent, cultural, scientific, political, patriotic, or other purposes. These files may include: membership lists, society by-laws, financial records and correspondence.
Institution Records	Society	NGO Files	Syn	Primary	Files of a society or an association of an organized group of persons associated together for religious, benevolent, cultural, scientific, political, patriotic, or other purposes. These files may include: membership lists, society by-laws, financial records and correspondence.
Institution Records	Society	Community Cookbooks	Rec	Primary	Books of recipes produced by Sisterhoods and other societies/ clubs/organizations. They also include cookbooks produced by newspapers containing recipes from their readers.
Institution Records	Society	Event Programs	Rec	Primary	Printed sequences of the events and the main participants in a religious service, recital, graduation, etc.

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Institution Records	Society	Group Directories	Rec	Primary	Books or lists of names and contact information for people in a specific group. Types of community directories include family, neighborhood, religious, alumni, and society/club/organization.
Institution Records	Society	Community Directories	Syn	Primary	Books or lists of names and contact information for people in a specific group. Types of community directories include family, neighborhood, religious, alumni, and society/club/organization.
Institution Records	Society	Masonic/Fraternal Orders	Rec	Primary	Records related to Masonic and other fraternal orders-- membership lists, officer rosters, etc.
Institution Records	Society	Membership Plaques	Rec	Cross-reference of Institution Records:Synagogue	Wall plaques listing founding members, donors and officers of the synagogue, sisterhood, brotherhood, Hebrew School, or other organizations.
Institution Records	Cemetery / Funeral Home	Burial Records	Rec	Primary	Records related to the burial of an individual that may include: the location of the burial plot for the deceased, information about the burial (name of the deceased and date of burial), name of the funeral home, contact information for the individual and/or society arranging the burial and contact information for the individual responsible for maintaining the grave, if applicable. Some cemeteries maintain additional information about the deceased.
Institution Records	Cemetery / Funeral Home	Burial Authorisations	Syn	Primary	Records related to the burial of an individual that may include: the location of the burial plot for the deceased, information about the burial (name of the deceased and date of burial), name of the funeral home, contact information for the

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					individual and/or society arranging the burial and contact information for the individual responsible for maintaining the grave, if applicable. Some cemeteries maintain additional information about the deceased.
Institution Records	Cemetery / Funeral Home	Cemetery Stones	Rec	Primary	Inscriptions on traditional Jewish tombstones show the name of the deceased and the given name of the deceased's father (and sometimes mother), as well as the date of death. They often show the age or date of birth.
Institution Records	Cemetery / Funeral Home	Synagogue Cemetery Records	Rec	Cross-reference of Institution Records:Synagogue	Records of synagogue members' use of the synagogue cemetery. Congregations with a large membership usually maintain their own cemeteries and burial registers, while smaller congregations reserve a section within other cemeteries. Information may include: plot books and maps, plot location of the deceased, name, age, marriage information, date and place of birth, who paid for the burial, and names of people (often relatives) buried in the same plot.
Institution Records	Cemetery / Funeral Home	Cemetery Records	Rec	Primary	Records that document the administration, evolution and history of a cemetery that may include: plot books and maps, financial records, plot maintenance levels, societies' plots, family member plots, employee / caretaker lists and historical information. For information on the individuals interred at the cemetery, see "Burial Records".
Institution Records	Cemetery / Funeral Home	Funeral Home Records	Rec	Primary	Records kept by a funeral home that may contain: a list of the surviving relatives, the cemetery name where the

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					deceased will be buried, notes about the deceased, a copy of the obituary along with the names of newspapers where the obituary will be published, and the names of people participating in a memorial service.
Institution Records	Cemetery / Funeral Home	Burial Society Entrance Plaques	Rec	Primary	Plaques posted at the entrances to cemetery sections listing society name, officers, members, date of establishment, or other institutional information.
Institution Records	Cemetery / Funeral Home	Chevre Kadisha Records	Rec	Cross-reference of Institution Records:Other Institutions	TBD
Institution Records	Rabbinical	Gets	Rec	Primary	Documents in Jewish religious law which effectuates a divorce between a Jewish couple
Institution Records	Rabbinical	Jewish Divorce Records	Syn	Primary	Documents in Jewish religious law which effectuates a divorce between a Jewish couple
Institution Records	Rabbinical	Records of Conversion (Giyurim)	Rec	Primary	Records pertaining to the conversion of an individual from another religion to Judaism.
Historical Events	Inquisition	Sentencing Records	Rec	Primary	Documents of sentences and their implementation. Sentences were communicated in notarized formats including certificates or brief sealed notices. If the sentence included confiscations of property, there can be many documents detailing the properties to be seized and their disposition.
Historical Events	Inquisition	Inquisition Trial Records	Syn	Primary	Documents of sentences and their implementation. Sentences were communicated in notarized formats including certificates or brief sealed notices. If the sentence included confiscations of property, there can be many documents detailing the properties to be seized and their disposition.

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Historical Events	Inquisition	Punishment Books	Syn	Primary	Documents of sentences and their implementation. Sentences were communicated in notarized formats including certificates or brief sealed notices. If the sentence included confiscations of property, there can be many documents detailing the properties to be seized and their disposition.
Historical Events	Inquisition	Trial Records	Rec	Primary	Documents created during the Inquisition contain details on the investigations conducted, names of the accused, and details of their heresy. Some may include family relationships and a detailed descendency from a converso. Other references to the family may appear in sources such as church, court, and notarial records. These records are difficult to use and are seldom indexed.
Historical Events	Holocaust	Concentration Camp Files	Rec	Primary	Records kept by and about facilities that were used for the mass internment of people without trial. Includes information about the camp system, perpetrators, daily life, slave labor, prisoner groups, inmate relations, executions, resistance, public knowledge and liberation.
Historical Events	Holocaust	Ghetto Names Lists	Rec	Primary	Lists of individuals and families legally forced to reside in and be confined to a specific area.
Historical Events	Holocaust	Holocaust Names Lists	Rec	Primary	Lists of victims of the Holocaust and survivors.
Historical Events	Holocaust	Pages of Testimony	Rec	Primary	Documentation of individuals who perished in the Holocaust and Holocaust survivors. Typically refer to the completed forms that can be searched at Yad Vashem.

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Historical Events	Holocaust	Pogrom Files	Rec	Cross-reference of Historical Events:Persecutions	Records that document large-scale acts of violence against a population. May include information about victims, witnesses, relief applications and administration, minutes of meetings, lists of persons looking for relatives.
Historical Events	Holocaust	Recorded Testimonies	Rec	Primary	Oral or written accounts by witnesses regarding treatment of individual victims or survivors of an organized massacre.
Historical Events	Holocaust	Asset Lists	Rec	Primary	TBD
Historical Events	Holocaust	Confiscated Property Lists	Rec	Primary	Inventories of confiscated property prepared by the Nazis
Historical Events	Holocaust	Deportation Transport and March Names	Rec	Primary	Names of children, women and men who were forced to relocate on foot, vehicles or trains from their home to a ghetto, extermination centers or concentration camps.
Historical Events	Holocaust	Kindertransport Landing Cards	Rec	Primary	TBD
Historical Events	Holocaust	Restitution and Compensation Records	Rec	Primary	Records of the applications for and decisions thereon regarding compensation paid to victims of the Nazis or their heirs for loss of property, livelihoods, imprisonment, etc.
Historical Events	Holocaust	Stolpersteine	Rec	Primary	TBD
Historical Events	Holocaust	Tracing Requests	Rec	Primary	An application to trace a person that her/his whereabouts were not known to the requester
Historical Events	Holocaust	Transport Lists	Rec	Primary	Listings of Jews who were taken on railroad cars to concentration camps by date and convoy number.
Historical Events	Persecutions	Pogrom Files	Rec	Primary	Records that document large-scale acts of violence against a population. May include information about victims, witnesses, relief

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					applications and administration, minutes of meetings, lists of persons looking for relatives.
Historical Events	Persecutions	Recorded Testimonies	Rec	Cross-reference of Historical Events:Holocaust	Oral or written accounts by witnesses regarding treatment of individual victims or survivors of an organized massacre.
Historical Events	Persecutions	Persecuted Persons Lists	Rec	Primary	Documents that list persecuted people targeted by governments based on their ethnicity, religion, political beliefs, or sexual orientation.
Historical Events	Persecutions	Martyrology Records	Rec	Primary	Book of martyrs, usually from medieval times.
Historical Events	Expulsions	Expulsion Records	Rec	Primary	Records of populations forced to move due to war or for political reasons.
Emigration / Immigration Records	Travel	Border Crossing Records	Rec	Primary	Documents individuals' arrivals into a country from across a border and may contain: full name, place of birth, age and sex, marital status, point of arrival in country, date of arrival, final destination, physical description, individual picture or family picture, purpose in coming, and occupation.
Emigration / Immigration Records	Travel	Nations of Landing Records	Rec	Primary	Documents entries into a country where the immigrants "landed."
Emigration / Immigration Records	Travel	Ship Manifests	Rec	Primary	Official documents recorded by the ship company that transported the passengers for each voyage. Most contain the name of the ship, its port(s) and date(s) of departure, its port(s) and date(s) of arrival in country, the name, age, sex, profession or occupation, nationality and destination of each passenger aboard. Depending on the date, some lists contain other information on the immigrants, such as their health, religion, previous

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					visits, family relationships, city of birth and cash on hand.
Emigration / Immigration Records	Travel	Passenger Lists	Syn	Primary	Official documents recorded by the ship company that transported the passengers for each voyage. Most contain the name of the ship, its port(s) and date(s) of departure, its port(s) and date(s) of arrival in country, the name, age, sex, profession or occupation, nationality and destination of each passenger aboard. Depending on the date, some lists contain other information on the immigrants, such as their health, religion, previous visits, family relationships, city of birth and cash on hand.
Emigration / Immigration Records	Travel	Emigration Lists	Syn	Primary	Official documents recorded by the ship company that transported the passengers for each voyage. Most contain the name of the ship, its port(s) and date(s) of departure, its port(s) and date(s) of arrival in country, the name, age, sex, profession or occupation, nationality and destination of each passenger aboard. Depending on the date, some lists contain other information on the immigrants, such as their health, religion, previous visits, family relationships, city of birth and cash on hand.
Emigration / Immigration Records	Travel	Aliyah Documents	Rec	Primary	TBD
Emigration / Immigration Records	Travel	Aliyah Passport Records	Rec	Primary	TBD
Emigration / Immigration Records	Travel	Departure Records	Rec	Primary	TBD

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Emigration / Immigration Records	Travel	Passenger Departure Lists	Syn	Primary	TBD
Emigration / Immigration Records	Travel	Expulsion Records	Rec	Cross-reference of Historical Events:Expulsions	Records of populations forced to move due to war or for political reasons.
Emigration / Immigration Records	Travel	Kindertransport Landing Cards	Rec	Cross-reference of Historical Events:Holocaust	TBD
Emigration / Immigration Records	Assistance	Relief and Aid Society Records	Rec	Primary	Documents of organizations providing food, material, legal, immigration, housing, employment, language and other assistance. May contain files on persons receiving assistance. May contain correspondence, minutes, food distribution lists, ledgers, financial statements, receipt books, records of donors, list of subscribers to the society, by-laws of society.
Emigration / Immigration Records	Assistance	Displaced Person Records	Rec	Primary	TBD
Emigration / Immigration Records	Assistance	Jewish Immigrant Bank Records	Rec	Primary	TBD
Emigration / Immigration Records	Assistance	Refugee Hostel Registries	Rec	Primary	TBD
Population and Residency	Residency	City Directories	Rec	Primary	Alphabetical lists of residents of a particular area listing the names of the heads of households, their addresses, and occupational information. Generally created before telephone books. May contain additional information.
Population and Residency	Residency	Local directories, Area directories	Syn	Primary	Alphabetical lists of residents of a particular area listing the names of the heads of households, their addresses, and occupational information. Generally created before telephone books. May contain additional information.
Population	Residency	Local Tax Records	Rec	Primary	Tax Assessors',

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Population and Residency					Treasurers' and Recorders' office records. Examples include deeds, mortgages, assessment data, tax details, and parcel maps. 18th and 19th century Eastern European Tax Lists generally list the family name, first name, and father's name of all heads of households in the community. May include additional information about other family members. Many indicate the ages and dates of death. Some indicate profession or are specifically compiled based on profession like Merchant Lists or Craftsmen and Guild Lists.
Population and Residency	Residency	Manorial Records	Rec	Cross-reference of Government: Court	Court rolls, surveys, maps, documents and books relating to the boundaries, wastes, customs or courts of a manor.
Population and Residency	Residency	Phone Books	Rec	Primary	Listings of telephone subscribers in a geographical area or subscribers to services provided by the organization that publishes the directory.
Population and Residency	Residency	Town Records	Rec	Cross-reference of Government: National and Local	Records kept by town clerks/officials. These records may contain information about births, marriages, deaths, burials, appointments, oaths of allegiance, land records, military enrollments, mortgages, name changes, care of the poor, school records, surveys, tax lists, town meeting minutes, and voter registrations. Varies by location and date.
Population and Residency	Residency	Voting Registers	Rec	Primary	Official lists of individuals authorized to cast a vote in an election to be held by either a governmental jurisdiction or religious community.
Population	Residency	Electoral Rolls	Syn	Primary	Official lists of individuals

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and Residency					authorized to cast a vote in an election to be held by either a governmental jurisdiction or religious community.
Population and Residency	Residency	Electoral Rolls	Syn	Primary	Official lists of individuals authorized to cast a vote in an election to be held by either a governmental jurisdiction or religious community.
Population and Residency	Residency	Group Directories	Rec	Cross-reference of Institution Records:Society	Books or lists of names and contact information for people in a specific group. Types of community directories include family, neighborhood, religious, alumni, and society/club/organization.
Population and Residency	Residency	Community Directories	Syn	Cross-reference of Institution Records:Society	Books or lists of names and contact information for people in a specific group. Types of community directories include family, neighborhood, religious, alumni, and society/club/organization.
Population and Residency	Residency	Letters of Protection	Rec	Primary	Letters conveying the right to reside in a certain town for a certain number of years in exchange for the payment of an annual fee
Population and Residency	Residency	Schutzbriefen	Syn	Primary	Letters conveying the right to reside in a certain town for a certain number of years in exchange for the payment of an annual fee
Population and Residency	Residency	Non-Permanent Residence Books	Rec	Primary	TBD
Population and Residency	Residency	Permanent Residence Books	Rec	Primary	TBD
Population and Residency	Population	Censuses	Rec	Primary	Official count or survey of a population, typically recording various details of individuals by household or address.
Population and Residency	Population	Population Control and Movement Records	Syn	Primary	Official count or survey of a population, typically recording various details of individuals by household or address.

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Population and Residency	Population	Revision Lists	Rec	Primary	Comprehensive lists of the taxpaying population to which almost all the Jews belonged. Revision Lists were revised or updated, sometimes several times, until the next census was recorded.
Population and Residency	Population	Family Household Lists	Syn	Primary	Comprehensive lists of the taxpaying population to which almost all the Jews belonged. Revision Lists were revised or updated, sometimes several times, until the next census was recorded.
Population and Residency	Population	Reviski Skaski	Syn	Primary	Comprehensive lists of the taxpaying population to which almost all the Jews belonged. Revision Lists were revised or updated, sometimes several times, until the next census was recorded.
Population and Residency	Population	Residency Registration	Syn	Primary	Comprehensive lists of the taxpaying population to which almost all the Jews belonged. Revision Lists were revised or updated, sometimes several times, until the next census was recorded.
Population and Residency	Settler	Border Area Records	Rec	Primary	Administrative, legislative, and population records documenting residents/settlers in colonies (often agricultural) in border areas of a country.
Population and Residency	Settler	Colonization Records	Rec	Primary	Records and lists documenting settlers in colonies and communes; typically include descriptions of farm lands and livestock.
Population and Residency	Settler	Commune Records	Rec	Primary	Records and lists documenting administrative, legislative, and population matters for a Jewish religious community.
Population and Residency	Settler	Settler Lists	Rec	Primary	Lists of settlers in a region, often an agricultural colony.

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Government	Court	Delayed Birth Records	Rec	Cross-reference of Vital Events:Birth	Births recorded more than one year after the date of birth. May have been many years after birth if jurisdiction at birth did not require recording, or may record a live birth when no physician was present. It may also be used to document the birth of an immigrant who has no original documentation.
Government	Court	Birth Protocol Sworn Records	Syn	Cross-reference of Vital Events:Birth	Births recorded more than one year after the date of birth. May have been many years after birth if jurisdiction at birth did not require recording, or may record a live birth when no physician was present. It may also be used to document the birth of an immigrant who has no original documentation.
Government	Court	Asylum Records	Rec	Cross-reference of Institution Records:Other Institutions	Records of patients, classified as insane or lunatic. Individuals were placed in asylums when they were deemed under contemporary definitions to be: of intermittent not sound memory and understanding; natural fools from birth, in debt, exhibiting anti-social behavior. Many records of asylums are kept in local archives, especially those of patients; most patient files have been destroyed.
Government	Court	Lunacy Records	Syn	Cross-reference of Institution Records:Other Institutions	Records of patients, classified as insane or lunatic. Individuals were placed in asylums when they were deemed under contemporary definitions to be: of intermittent not sound memory and understanding; natural fools from birth, in debt, exhibiting anti-social behavior. Many records of asylums are kept in local archives, especially those of patients; most patient files have been destroyed.

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Government	Court	Military Pension Records	Rec	Cross-reference of Government:Military	Documentation of pensions paid to people who have served in the military or to their survivors. Application files may contain supporting information such as names and birth dates of children and spouses, proof of birth or marriage, discharge papers, and depositions from a soldier's friends and family.
Government	Court	Sentencing Records	Rec	Cross-reference of Historical Events:Inquisition	Documents of sentences and their implementation. Sentences were communicated in notarized formats including certificates or brief sealed notices. If the sentence included confiscations of property, there can be many documents detailing the properties to be seized and their disposition.
Government	Court	Inquisition Trial Records	Syn	Cross-reference of Historical Events:Inquisition	Documents of sentences and their implementation. Sentences were communicated in notarized formats including certificates or brief sealed notices. If the sentence included confiscations of property, there can be many documents detailing the properties to be seized and their disposition.
Government	Court	Punishment Books	Syn	Cross-reference of Historical Events:Inquisition	Documents of sentences and their implementation. Sentences were communicated in notarized formats including certificates or brief sealed notices. If the sentence included confiscations of property, there can be many documents detailing the properties to be seized and their disposition.
Government	Court	Manorial Records	Rec	Primary	Court rolls, surveys, maps, documents and books relating to the boundaries, wastes, customs or courts of a manor.

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Government	Court	Abandoned Property Lists	Rec	Primary	Records of unclaimed property (interests, money or land) that appears to have been abandoned or seized often during time of war.
Government	Court	Unclaimed Property Lists	Syn	Primary	Records of unclaimed property (interests, money or land) that appears to have been abandoned or seized often during time of war.
Government	Court	Coroner's Inquests	Rec	Primary	Records of a legal investigation conducted when a coroner cannot easily determine, through an initial investigation or post-mortem examination, how, when and where a person died. Evidence is reviewed in a public court hearing before a jury.
Government	Court	Criminal Cases	Rec	Primary	Records of court proceedings in which the defendant is tried for conduct that is considered to be illegal according to the state's legislature, or the government. Criminal cases generally begin after the person is arrested and informed of their charges, usually at a hearing known as an indictment. Most criminal cases are tried by a judge in the presence of a jury, and may result in sentences under criminal law. Such sentences could include jail time as well as fines.
Government	Court	Debt Cases	Rec	Primary	Records of a lawsuit for an amount owed, usually involving a sum of money due to another person, an obligation to deliver goods, or an agreement to perform a certain act, such as returning a favor.
Government	Court	Felony Records	Rec	Primary	Records of a grave crime such as murder or rape, typically punishable by a term of imprisonment of not less than one year or by the death penalty.

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Government	Court	Guardianship Records	Rec	Primary	Records of the lawful appointment of someone who is charged with and entitled to care for the person of a minor, invalid, or incompetent and his or her interests, such as education, property management and investments.
Government	Court	Land and Property Records	Rec	Primary	Legal documents that contain a description of real property and information about its ownership. Types of documents include deeds (ownership records), mortgages (loans secured by real property), liens (legal encumbrances against real property), and land grants (awards from public ownership), recorded in a jurisdiction.
Government	Court	Deeds	Syn	Primary	Legal documents that contain a description of real property and information about its ownership. Types of documents include deeds (ownership records), mortgages (loans secured by real property), liens (legal encumbrances against real property), and land grants (awards from public ownership), recorded in a jurisdiction.
Government	Court	Land Grants	Syn	Primary	Legal documents that contain a description of real property and information about its ownership. Types of documents include deeds (ownership records), mortgages (loans secured by real property), liens (legal encumbrances against real property), and land grants (awards from public ownership), recorded in a jurisdiction.
Government	Court	Mortgages	Syn	Primary	Legal documents that contain a description of real property and information about its

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					ownership. Types of documents include deeds (ownership records), mortgages (loans secured by real property), liens (legal encumbrances against real property), and land grants (awards from public ownership), recorded in a jurisdiction.
Government	Court	Valuation Rolls	Syn	Primary	Legal documents that contain a description of real property and information about its ownership. Types of documents include deeds (ownership records), mortgages (loans secured by real property), liens (legal encumbrances against real property), and land grants (awards from public ownership), recorded in a jurisdiction.
Government	Court	Probate Records	Rec	Primary	Records that document the disposition of a deceased individual's property. When a testament is made, a probate record includes an individual's last will and testament. Usually a probate record includes: the name of the deceased, the deceased's age at the time of death or birth date, property, members of the family, and the last place of residence.
Government	Court	Property Dispute Records	Rec	Primary	Records of a legal dispute that involves real estate, and may involve anyone who has an interest in the property in question. These records can refer to a broad array of disputes over the ownership of land, due to encroachment or a problem with the recorded deeds.
Government	Court	Decrees Nisi	Rec	Primary	TBD
Government	Court	Estate Probate Notices	Rec	Cross-reference of Media:Articles	Notices placed in newspaper announcing the probate of the deceased's estate

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Government	Court	Legal Notices	Rec	Cross-reference of Media:Articles	Legal notices that were often required to be published in newspapers related to lawsuits, name changes, business names, etc.
Government	Court	Sharia Records	Rec	Primary	TBD
Government	Citizenship	Consulate Records	Rec	Primary	Documents created, processed, or issued at consulates or embassies, such as travel or immigration applications, work permits, travel visas, passports, registration of births, deaths, marriages, divorces, adoptions of nationals living abroad.
Government	Citizenship	Identity Cards	Rec	Primary	Official documents issued by a governmental entity to validate the identity of the person presenting the card. Typically include: person's name, date of birth, address, and photograph.
Government	Citizenship	Naturalization and Citizenship Files	Rec	Primary	All correspondence and submitted forms for an individual seeking citizenship. Typically include a declaration of intent to become a citizen and renounce allegiance to a foreign government and a petition for citizenship, and result in a certificate being issued. Records usually contain: name, country of birth or allegiance, date of the application, occupation, names of spouse and children. Some list the date, port of arrival into the country and the name of the ship.
Government	Citizenship	Passports - Internal	Rec	Primary	Documents the identity of a person for domestic use. Uses have included restricting citizens of a subdivided state to employment in their own area (preventing their migration to richer cities or regions), recording the ethnicity of citizens to enforce segregation or prevent passing, and controlling access to sensitive sites or closed

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Government	Citizenship	Passports - International	Rec	Primary	Official documents issued by a government, certifying the holder's identity and citizenship and entitling them to travel under its protection to and from foreign countries. Typically includes a photo of the holder. Passport applications have a wealth of genealogical information.
Government	Citizenship	Visas	Rec	Primary	Government endorsements, typically attached to a passport, that certify the holder is allowed to enter, leave, or stay for a specified period of time in a foreign country.
Government	Citizenship	Aliyah Documents	Rec	Cross-reference of Emigration / Immigration Records:Travel	TBD
Government	Citizenship	Aliyah Passport Records	Rec	Cross-reference of Emigration / Immigration Records:Travel	TBD
Government	Citizenship	Citizenship Announcements	Rec	Cross-reference of Media:Articles	Lists published in legal gazettes or other periodicals, identifying naturalizations and/or new surnames
Government	Civil Action	Appointments to Public Office	Rec	Primary	Documents that record the official assignment of a person to a government position.
Government	Civil Action	Forced Labor Records	Rec	Primary	Documents related to forced labor. Includes work documents such as cards, labor records, forms, certificates, working books, and correspondence; records that deal with labor detail in labor camps, ghettos, factories, fields, and elsewhere; the conscription to forced labor; reports about the amount of work performed; and the permission to travel to work by train.
Government	Civil Action	Lawsuits	Rec	Primary	Documentation of legal proceedings in a dispute

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					against a party or parties. They contain descriptions of claims, complaints, testimonies, judgements, and settlements.
Government	Civil Action	Name Change Records	Rec	Primary	Documentation of a legal change of name. The procedure varies by jurisdiction and time period. In general, common law jurisdictions have loose procedures for a name change while civil law jurisdictions are more restrictive. A person must officially register the new name with the appropriate authorities whether the change was made as a result of a court order, marriage, divorce, adoption, or any other method.
Government	Civil Action	Deed Poll Records for Legal Name Change	Syn	Primary	Documentation of a legal change of name. The procedure varies by jurisdiction and time period. In general, common law jurisdictions have loose procedures for a name change while civil law jurisdictions are more restrictive. A person must officially register the new name with the appropriate authorities whether the change was made as a result of a court order, marriage, divorce, adoption, or any other method.
Government	Civil Action	Notary Records	Rec	Primary	Official documents attested to by a public officer (notary) recognized by the government and commissioned within the territorial jurisdiction. May include marriage contracts, real estate law, wills, estates, obligations and discharges, termination of companies, agreements, powers of attorney, sworn affidavits etc. For genealogists, notarial records can offset the loss or destruction of registers of civil status. In

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					some cases, notarial records are the only documents that can confirm the kinship of an individual.
Government	Civil Action	Plans and Permits	Rec	Primary	Documents that detail construction projects submitted for approval to the local civic authorities. Typically include plan drawings and applications that include details about individuals and organizations requesting approval.
Government	National and Local	Town Records	Rec	Primary	Records kept by town clerks/officials. These records may contain information about births, marriages, deaths, burials, appointments, oaths of allegiance, land records, military enrollments, mortgages, name changes, care of the poor, school records, surveys, tax lists, town meeting minutes, and voter registrations. Varies by location and date.
Government	National and Local	Voting Registers	Rec	Cross-reference of Population and Residency:Residency	Official lists of individuals authorized to cast a vote in an election to be held by either a governmental jurisdiction or religious community.
Government	National and Local	Electoral Rolls	Syn	Cross-reference of Population and Residency:Residency	Official lists of individuals authorized to cast a vote in an election to be held by either a governmental jurisdiction or religious community.
Government	National and Local	Electoral Rolls	Syn	Cross-reference of Population and Residency:Residency	Official lists of individuals authorized to cast a vote in an election to be held by either a governmental jurisdiction or religious community.
Government	National and Local	Licenses - Business	Rec	Primary	Legal documents that authorize the operation of a business in a jurisdiction. They give a business owner(s) the right to conduct entrepreneurial activities as set forth in the license.
Government	National and Local	Licenses - Firearms	Rec	Primary	Legal documents that allow the licensee to buy,

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					own, possess, or carry a firearm within a jurisdiction, often subject to a number of conditions or restrictions, especially with regard to storage requirements or the completion of a firearms safety course, as well as background checks, etc.
Government	National and Local	Licenses - Motor Vehicle	Rec	Primary	Legal documents that authorize an individual to operate a motor vehicle and includes identifying information such as: name, age, date of birth, gender, eye color, hair color, weight and height.
Government	National and Local	Licenses - Occupational	Rec	Primary	Records issued by a jurisdiction, bureau, or agency that certify that an individual can legally engage in a regulated occupation and the use of a specific title in the practice of an occupation, profession, or vocation.
Government	National and Local	Box Tax Records	Rec	Primary	Lists by head of household that document taxes paid on kosher meat. Head of household is identified by family name, first name and patronymic. The box taxes were collected by the Jewish community from its members and used for various social needs, including the Rabbi's salary.
Government	National and Local	Kupah Taxes	Syn	Primary	Lists by head of household that document taxes paid on kosher meat. Head of household is identified by family name, first name and patronymic. The box taxes were collected by the Jewish community from its members and used for various social needs, including the Rabbi's salary.
Government	National and Local	Puske Taxes	Syn	Primary	Lists by head of household that document taxes paid on kosher meat. Head of household is identified by family name, first name and

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					patronymic. The box taxes were collected by the Jewish community from its members and used for various social needs, including the Rabbi's salary.
Government	National and Local	Candle Tax Records	Rec	Primary	Lists that document taxes paid for Sabbath candles. The candle taxes were used to support the needs of Jewish education. These lists of taxpayers were usually broken down by "well-to-do families," "average families," and "poor families" and contain little information about individual families.
Government	National and Local	Familianten - Mannschafts-buecher Records	Rec	Primary	Records kept by the Habsburg (Bohemia and Moravia) government of which families lived in which towns in order to enforce the quota of Jews families through the issuance of marriage permits. Each record comprised the name of county, registration number of the family in the whole land, the registration number of the family in the county, name of the father, his wife, his sons and a few other family details. The quota was in force 1726 - 1848.
Government	National and Local	Mannschaftsbuecher in Moravia	Syn	Primary	Records kept by the Habsburg (Bohemia and Moravia) government of which families lived in which towns in order to enforce the quota of Jews families through the issuance of marriage permits. Each record comprised the name of county, registration number of the family in the whole land, the registration number of the family in the county, name of the father, his wife, his sons and a few other family details. The quota was in force 1726 - 1848.

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Government	National and Local	Jewish White Books - Liber Judeorum Album	Rec	Primary	Records kept under the statutes of King Colomon of Hungary listing Jewish moneylenders and their transactions, and the names of Jews who purchased items from Christians and the items bought.
Government	National and Local	Kahal Books	Rec	Primary	Records from the local governing body of a European Jewish community administering religious, legal, and communal affairs.
Government	National and Local	Pinkas(im)	Rec	Primary	Books, journals, or ledgers that document the religious, charitable or trade functions of a Jewish community; typically include rules and regulations, names of its founders and members, and minutes of its meetings. Many pinkasim are considered works of art.
Government	National and Local	Police Records	Rec	Primary	Official records and logs of arrests, warrants, and incidents attended to and documented by police.
Government	National and Local	Public Records	Rec	Primary	Records made by a government agency or officer in the performance of official duty, or filed with a government office, and subject to public inspection.
Government	National and Local	Real Estate Tax Records	Rec	Primary	Records kept by a municipality showing the assessed value of a piece of real property, and the taxes paid on that property.
Government	National and Local	Social Security and Assistance Files	Rec	Primary	Government records that pertain to benefits it provides to individuals and families in support of their material needs due to circumstances such as retirement or disability. In the US, Social Security applications provide a mother's maiden name, and the Social Security Death Index provides information regarding death dates of people

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					who registered in the Social Security program.
Government	National and Local	Tax Records	Rec	Primary	Records kept by a jurisdiction that document the taxes owed and paid by an individual, family, or business. May include income, sales, real estate, and many more types of taxes. Most tax records are confidential.
Government	National and Local	Alien Files	Rec	Primary	Records kept by the government of foreigners living in the country.
Government	National and Local	Foreigner Lists	Syn	Primary	Records kept by the government of foreigners living in the country.
Government	National and Local	Cadastral Maps	Rec	Primary	A comprehensive land recording of the real estate or real property' metes-and-bounds of a country. In most countries, legal systems have developed around the original administrative systems and use the cadastre to define the dimensions and location of land parcels described in legal documentation. A land parcel or cadastral parcel is defined as a continuous area, or more appropriately volume, that is identified by a unique set of homogeneous property rights
Government	National and Local	Civil Marriages	Rec	Cross-reference of Vital Events:Marriage	A legally recongnized civil marriage may take place on a different date than the religious marriage. In some countries a civil marriage must take place prior to a religious ceremony.
Government	National and Local	Civil Weddings	Syn	Cross-reference of Vital Events:Marriage	A legally recongnized civil marriage may take place on a different date than the religious marriage. In some countries a civil marriage must take place prior to a religious ceremony.
Government	National and Local	Non-Permanent Residence Books	Rec	Cross-reference of Population and	TBD

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Government	National and Local	Permanent Residence Books	Rec	Cross-reference of Population and Residency:Residency	TBD
Government	National and Local	Surname Adoption Lists	Rec	Primary	The lists created by local European governments when Jews were required to adopt a surname under Napoleonic decree.
Government	National and Local	Vaccination Records	Rec	Primary	Records naming those in a town who were vaccinated during a particular period.
Government	National and Local	War Memorial Plaques	Rec	Primary	TBD
Government	Military	Photo Collections	Rec	Cross-reference of Institution Records:Society	Photographs that are collected and kept by individuals, organizations, communities, the military, Yad Vashem and many other sources. Includes photographs posted on social media.
Government	Military	Conscriptions	Rec	Primary	Lists and Records of individuals called up for compulsory military service. Often used as a census substitute for males. May include name, birth date, religion, marital status, literacy, and may include names of fathers, brothers and brothers' ages.
Government	Military	Died in Service Records	Rec	Primary	Records of individuals who died in military service, usually in a particular conflict. Lists may include name; birth date; service unit; date, place, and manner of death; interment details; or other information.
Government	Military	Casualties	Syn	Primary	Records of individuals who died in military service, usually in a particular conflict. Lists may include name; birth date; service unit; date, place, and manner of death; interment details; or other information.
Government	Military	Discharge Records	Rec	Primary	Records of the release of individuals from active military service. May include date, place and home address of an

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					individual time of entry into and release from service; last duty assignment and rank; military job specialty and education; decorations; medals; badges; citations; campaign awards; total creditable service; foreign service credited; and separation information (type of separation, character of service, authority and reason for separation, separation and reenlistment eligibility codes).
Government	Military	Draft Registration Records	Rec	Primary	Records of registration of individuals for military purposes. Varies greatly by country and date. Records typically include the individuals' : name, address, place and date of birth, employer's name and address and name and address of person who will always know the registrant's address.
Government	Military	Enlistments	Rec	Primary	Records of military service enrollment, usually including information about the person enrolling, and date and place of enrollment.
Government	Military	Military Pension Records	Rec	Primary	Documentation of pensions paid to people who have served in the military or to their survivors. Application files may contain supporting information such as names and birth dates of children and spouses, proof of birth or marriage, discharge papers, and depositions from a soldier's friends and family.
Government	Military	Service Records	Rec	Primary	Records of an individual's military service. Includes information such as enlistment/appointment; duty stations and assignments; training, qualifications, performance; awards and medals; disciplinary

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					actions; separation/discharge/retirement; pension applications, and payment records; etc. Availability and access varies by country and date of service.
Government	Military	Court Martial Records	Rec	Primary	Records kept during a military court or trial. A court-martial is empowered to determine the guilt of members of the armed forces subject to military law, and, if the defendant is found guilty, to decide upon punishment.
Government	Military	Draft Evaders and Military Deserters Lists	Rec	Primary	List of individuals who evaded the draft or military personnel who deserted the armed forces
Government	Military	Gold Star Records	Rec	Primary	Records of families who lost their children serving in the military
Government	Military	Hospital Records of Wounded Military Personnel	Rec	Primary	Hospital admission cards and other records about care and discharge for military personnel wounded in battle during wartime.
Government	Military	Military Awards and Decorations	Rec	Primary	Awards given to members of armed services for conduct during hostilities, especially those awarded for valor.
Government	Military	Military Recognitions	Syn	Primary	Awards given to members of armed services for conduct during hostilities, especially those awarded for valor.
Government	Military	Military Service Records	Rec	Primary	TBD
Government	Military	Military Service Tribunal Files	Rec	Primary	TBD
Government	Military	War Time Military Exemption Tribunal Files	Syn	Primary	TBD
Government	Military	Military Unit Histories	Rec	Cross-reference of Compiled Sources:Books	Histories written about specific military units and during specific timeframes such as WWI, WWII. Unit histories might be written for smaller units like specific

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					companies to ship histories to battalion and army level.
Government	Military	Prisoner of War Records	Rec	Primary	Military account books listing information about individual prisoners, issuing of supplies, duties assigned, and disciplinary actions. Account books kept by individual prisoners documenting supplies received and any financial transactions with their captors.
Government	Military	Veteran Records	Rec	Primary	TBD
Personal	Self-Authored	Recorded Testimonies	Rec	Cross-reference of Historical Events:Holocaust	Oral or written accounts by witnesses regarding treatment of individual victims or survivors of an organized massacre.
Personal	Self-Authored	Autobiographies	Rec	Primary	Accounts, written or oral, of a person's own life in their own words.
Personal	Self-Authored	Memoirs	Syn	Primary	Accounts, written or oral, of a person's own life in their own words.
Personal	Self-Authored	Diaries / Journals	Rec	Primary	Books in which an individual has kept a record of events, personal activities, transactions, feelings, experiences, and so forth. Often entries are made daily, but sometimes less frequently.
Personal	Self-Authored	Personal Correspondence - Juedische Privatbriefe	Rec	Primary	Personal records of written letters, emails or texts exchanged between or among people or businesses.
Personal	Self-Authored	Scrapbooks	Rec	Primary	Blank books in which various items (such as newspaper clippings or pictures) are collected and preserved
Personal	Self-Authored	Family Event Diaries	Rec	Primary	Small diary-type books, preprinted with a calendar and often decorations or poetry quotations, in which vital events are entered. For example, birthdays, and anniversaries of their extended family, with a view to sending congratulations.
Personal	Self-	Family Birthday	Syn	Primary	Small diary-type books,

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	Authored	Books			preprinted with a calendar and often decorations or poetry quotations, in which vital events are entered. For example, birthdays, and anniversaries of their extended family, with a view to sending congratulations.
Personal	Self-Authored	Family Newsletters	Rec	Primary	Written publications, issued periodically, with information and news for people with a specific interest in common. Types of newsletters include family, neighborhood, and religious.
Personal	Self-Authored	Keepsake Books	Rec	Primary	Notes: like the baby books, wedding books
Personal	Self-Authored	Personal Family History Research Notes	Rec	Primary	Research notes and files on family history (hard copies and computer files).
Personal	Self-Authored	Photo Albums	Rec	Primary	Books and binders with blank pages or sleeves for photographs. There are some specialty albums often for weddings and bar/bat mitzvahs.
Personal	Owned Artifacts	School Yearbooks	Rec	Cross-reference of Institution Records:School	Books published yearly as a report or summary of statistics or facts that may document names of a school's affiliated persons. It is a publication that serves as a written and photographic record of the year's activities, its students, and teachers. These books can exist at any level: elementary, secondary (high school), or university.
Personal	Owned Artifacts	Cultural Artifacts	Rec	Primary	Jewish ritual objects such as Torah coverings or post circumcision binders (tora wimpeln). They may be useful for genealogical purposes when they are inscribed with names of donors and/or honorees.
Personal	Owned Artifacts	Personal Artifacts	Rec	Primary	Personal possessions such as jewelry may be

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					inscribed with information about the owner.
Personal	Owned Artifacts	Yearbooks	Rec	Cross-reference of Reference Tools:Context	Books published yearly as a report or summary of statistics or facts that may document names of an organization's affiliated persons and events during a year. For example, it may commemorate a deployment of a United States Navy ship. Note, there is a separate record type for School Yearbooks.
Personal	Owned Artifacts	Book Inscriptions	Rec	Primary	Names and other information written on the front endpaper or title page of a book.
Personal	Owned Artifacts	Ephemera	Rec	Primary	Items not part of the public or published record, often kept as mementos or to show membership. Examples include mugs, gavel and block sets, kippot/ yarmulkes, benchers, pen and pencil sets, and pen stands.
Personal	Owned Artifacts	Group Directories	Rec	Cross-reference of Institution Records:Society	Books or lists of names and contact information for people in a specific group. Types of community directories include family, neighborhood, religious, alumni, and society/club/ organization.
Personal	Owned Artifacts	Community Directories	Syn	Cross-reference of Institution Records:Society	Books or lists of names and contact information for people in a specific group. Types of community directories include family, neighborhood, religious, alumni, and society/club/ organization.
Personal	Owned Artifacts	Guest Books/ Registers	Rec	Primary	Books with blank pages for guests to sign at occasions such as weddings and funerals.
Personal	Owned Artifacts	Needlework	Rec	Primary	Household items made by decorating fabric with thread/floss/yarn/cloth. Types of needlework include embroidery,

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					needlepoint, quilting, and appliqué. Examples of items include album quilts and samplers.
Personal	Owned Artifacts	Trophies and Medals	Rec	Primary	Keepsakes given for excellence in competitions and for other achievements. Made of a flat piece of metal, some may be worn by means of a ribbon or pin.
Personal	Personal Documents	Ketubot	Rec	Cross-reference of Institution Records:Synagogue	Documents that are the formal contract in a Jewish religious marriage that specify financial protection for the wife in the event that the husband dies or divorces her. A Ketubah contains the date and location of the marriage, the name of the rabbi, names of witnesses and in most cases includes the bride's and groom's parents names.
Personal	Personal Documents	Ketubahs	Syn	Cross-reference of Institution Records:Synagogue	Documents that are the formal contract in a Jewish religious marriage that specify financial protection for the wife in the event that the husband dies or divorces her. A Ketubah contains the date and location of the marriage, the name of the rabbi, names of witnesses and in most cases includes the bride's and groom's parents names.
Personal	Personal Documents	Gets	Rec	Cross-reference of Institution Records:Rabbinical	Documents in Jewish religious law which effectuates a divorce between a Jewish couple
Personal	Personal Documents	Jewish Divorce Records	Syn	Cross-reference of Institution Records:Rabbinical	Documents in Jewish religious law which effectuates a divorce between a Jewish couple
Personal	Personal Documents	Address Books	Rec	Primary	TBD
Personal	Personal Documents	Rolodex	Syn	Primary	TBD
Personal	Personal Documents	Mechanical Address Books	Syn	Primary	TBD
Personal	Personal	Contact Lists	Syn	Primary	TBD

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Personal	Personal Documents	Appointment Books	Rec	Primary	Books for writing in names, dates, and locations of appointments in date order. May be spiral-bound.
Personal	Personal Documents	Autograph Books	Rec	Primary	Books with blank pages for individuals to sign and write messages.
Personal	Personal Documents	Award Certificates	Rec	Primary	Documents given for excellence in competitions and for other achievements.
Personal	Personal Documents	Business Cards	Rec	Primary	Small cards printed with name, title, business address, and other contact information.
Personal	Personal Documents	Business Stationery	Rec	Primary	Letter paper with matching envelopes, each printed or engraved with name, company, address, and other contact information.
Personal	Personal Documents	Calling Cards	Rec	Primary	Small cards presented when visiting that are printed with the visitor's name and sometimes the visitor's address.
Personal	Personal Documents	Eulogies	Rec	Primary	Addresses by clergy or others at funeral
Personal	Personal Documents	Event Programs	Rec	Cross-reference of Institution Records:Society	Printed sequences of the events and the main participants in a religious service, recital, graduation, etc.
Personal	Personal Documents	Membership Certificates	Rec	Primary	Documents given for membership in a society/club/organization.
Personal	Personal Documents	Memorial Cards	Rec	Primary	Laminated cards about the size of a playing card containing basic information about the deceased.
Personal	Personal Documents	Funeral Cards	Syn	Primary	Laminated cards about the size of a playing card containing basic information about the deceased.
Personal	Personal Documents	Recipes	Rec	Primary	Instructions for preparing a dish that are copied by hand, typewriter, or other means onto sheet paper or card stock.
Personal	Personal	Interviews	Rec	Primary	Audio or video recordings

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	Other				of meetings, or transcriptions of such recordings, in which the interviewer elicits information from the interviewee about the interviewee.
Personal	Personal Other	Personal Photographs and Videos	Rec	Primary	Images captured by a camera, either digital or analog (slides, negatives, prints, videos). May have accompanying information about the subjects and/or setting, including names, dates, and places.
Personal	Financial and Legal	Wills	Rec	Primary	Documents that specify to whom one's assets shall be disbursed after death. Wills can provide family names and relationships. Wills may be witnessed, notarized, and on file and or recorded in a governmental court office.
Personal	Financial and Legal	Land and Property Records	Rec	Cross-reference of Government:Court	Legal documents that contain a description of real property and information about its ownership. Types of documents include deeds (ownership records), mortgages (loans secured by real property), liens (legal encumbrances against real property), and land grants (awards from public ownership), recorded in a jurisdiction.
Personal	Financial and Legal	Deeds	Syn	Cross-reference of Government:Court	Legal documents that contain a description of real property and information about its ownership. Types of documents include deeds (ownership records), mortgages (loans secured by real property), liens (legal encumbrances against real property), and land grants (awards from public ownership), recorded in a jurisdiction.
Personal	Financial and Legal	Land Grants	Syn	Cross-reference of Government:Court	Legal documents that contain a description of

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					real property and information about its ownership. Types of documents include deeds (ownership records), mortgages (loans secured by real property), liens (legal encumbrances against real property), and land grants (awards from public ownership), recorded in a jurisdiction.
Personal	Financial and Legal	Mortgages	Syn	Cross-reference of Government:Court	Legal documents that contain a description of real property and information about its ownership. Types of documents include deeds (ownership records), mortgages (loans secured by real property), liens (legal encumbrances against real property), and land grants (awards from public ownership), recorded in a jurisdiction.
Personal	Financial and Legal	Valuation Rolls	Syn	Cross-reference of Government:Court	Legal documents that contain a description of real property and information about its ownership. Types of documents include deeds (ownership records), mortgages (loans secured by real property), liens (legal encumbrances against real property), and land grants (awards from public ownership), recorded in a jurisdiction.
Personal	Financial and Legal	Bank Checks	Rec	Primary	Printed forms for directing a bank to pay money.
Personal	Financial and Legal	Bank Statements	Rec	Primary	Monthly statements of a customer's bank account showing transactions and balances.
Personal	Financial and Legal	Insurance Policies	Rec	Primary	Records related to various types of insurance policies—may provide information on family relationships, residence, health, etc.
Media	Publications	Newsletters	Rec	Primary	Bulletins that are issued

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					with regular frequency; include articles about the activities of the organization, topical news items, and sometimes educational items of interest. They are sent to members, prospective members and partners. E-newsletters are delivered electronically via e-mail.
Media	Publications	Journals	Rec	Primary	Published periodicals that focus on a particular subject or professional activity. They often include Bio(s) of article author(s).
Media	Publications	Newspapers	Rec	Primary	Publications issued daily or weekly containing news and feature articles, advertisements, editorials, and correspondence.
Media	Publications	Penumeranten Lists	Rec	Primary	Lists of individuals' pre-ordered published items.
Media	Publications	Periodicals	Rec	Primary	Publications issued on a regular schedule
Media	Publications	Gazettes	Rec	Primary	TBD
Media	Articles	Birth Announcements	Rec	Primary	Written announcements of the birth of a child; (originally) one published in a newspaper in a section devoted to announcements of births, deaths, marriages, etc.; (later also) one sent to family and friends, posted on social media, etc.
Media	Articles	Birth Notices	Syn	Primary	Written announcements of the birth of a child; (originally) one published in a newspaper in a section devoted to announcements of births, deaths, marriages, etc.; (later also) one sent to family and friends, posted on social media, etc.
Media	Articles	Marriage Announcements	Rec	Primary	Notices that inform the community of a marriage, issued before or after the marriage takes place. Often they are written articles in newspapers or newsletters. In recent years these announcements may be

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					mailed or posted on social media.
Media	Articles	Wedding Announcements	Syn	Primary	Notices that inform the community of a marriage, issued before or after the marriage takes place. Often they are written articles in newspapers or newsletters. In recent years these announcements may be mailed or posted on social media.
Media	Articles	Divorce Announcements	Rec	Primary	Notices that inform the community that a couple has legally and officially terminated their marriage. Often published in newspapers or newsletters.
Media	Articles	Obituaries	Rec	Primary	Published or unpublished death announcements. A particular obituary may be a simple death notice or an elaborate biography of the deceased. Obituaries usually give the name of the deceased and the death or burial date. They may also contain information such as the birth date, marriage date, names of parents and spouse, children, occupation, education, and the location of living family members at the time the obituary was written.
Media	Articles	Advertisements	Rec	Primary	Paid announcements, as of goods for sale or events, in newspapers or magazines, on radio or television, or on the internet.
Media	Articles	Editorials	Rec	Primary	Articles written by or on behalf of the editor of a publication expressing the opinion of the editor
Media	Articles	Engagement Announcements	Rec	Primary	Written announcements of a formal agreement to get married, published in a newspaper in a section devoted to social announcements or printed and sent to family and friends, posted on social media, etc.

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Media	Articles	Entertainment Articles	Rec	Primary	Articles reporting on a musical, dramatic, or comedic performance or a celebrity.
Media	Articles	Event Announcements	Rec	Primary	Articles reporting on an upcoming public event.
Media	Articles	Features	Rec	Primary	Human interest stories about a person, event, or place.
Media	Articles	News	Rec	Primary	Nonfiction reporting about events, usually written in a straightforward, concise reporting style
Media	Articles	Sports Articles	Rec	Primary	Nonfiction reporting about a sports competition, about sports competitors, or sports business people
Media	Articles	Anniversary Announcements	Rec	Primary	Published announcements of marital anniversaries (i.e. 50th Anniversary) of persons that list information about children and grandchildren, etc.
Media	Articles	Bar / Bat Mitzvah Announcements	Rec	Primary	Announcements of Barmitzvahs (and I suppose Batmitzvahs) in newspapers.
Media	Articles	Citizenship Announcements	Rec	Primary	Lists published in legal gazettes or other periodicals, identifying naturalizations and/or new surnames
Media	Articles	Death Announcements	Rec	Primary	TBD
Media	Articles	Death Notices	Rec	Primary	TBD
Media	Articles	Estate Probate Notices	Rec	Primary	Notices placed in newspaper announcing the probate of the deceased's estate
Media	Articles	Legal Notices	Rec	Primary	Legal notices that were often required to be published in newspapers related to lawsuits, name changes, business names, etc.
Compiled Sources	Registries	Surname / Town Registries	Rec	Primary	Lists of family names of persons who resided in a specific geographic location. A list may be a compilation based on historical records, or an online tool that allows

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					users to enter surnames in their family and locate others researching the same surnames.
Compiled Sources	Registries	Surname Exchanges	Syn	Primary	Lists of family names of persons who resided in a specific geographic location. A list may be a compilation based on historical records, or an online tool that allows users to enter surnames in their family and locate others researching the same surnames.
Compiled Sources	Registries	Insurance Policy Lists	Rec	Primary	TBD
Compiled Sources	Registries	Tombstone Inscription Lists	Rec	Primary	TBD
Compiled Sources	Books	Biographies	Rec	Primary	Narratives that are a detailed description of a person, living or deceased, and their life stories.
Compiled Sources	Books	Lineages	Rec	Primary	Books that trace the individuals descended from a common ancestor.
Compiled Sources	Books	Yizkor Books	Rec	Primary	Books that describe historical Jewish communities in Eastern and Central Europe, focusing on community life and individuals. Groups of former residents, or landsmanshaften, have published these books as tributes to their former homes and the people who were murdered during the Holocaust. The majority were written in Hebrew or Yiddish; many have been translated into English.
Compiled Sources	Books	Community Cookbooks	Rec	Cross-reference of Institution Records:Society	Books of recipes produced by Sisterhoods and other societies/clubs/organizations. They also include cookbooks produced by newspapers containing recipes from their readers.
Compiled Sources	Books	Jewish Community Histories	Rec	Primary	Books or journal articles about Jews from a specific geographical area (e.g. The Jews of

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					Philadelphia) or a specific context (e.g. The Jewish Soldier from Michigan in the Civil War)
Compiled Sources	Books	Location Histories	Rec	Primary	In the US, at the turn of the 20th century, locations published books with titles like "The History of....from its Earliest Times to the Present" books. Usually county/counties specific, sometimes states, cities or geographical areas, e.g. Washington Territory, Chicago or Hudson River Valley.
Compiled Sources	Books	Military Unit Histories	Rec	Primary	Histories written about specific military units and during specific timeframes such as WWI, WWII. Unit histories might be written for smaller units like specific companies to ship histories to battalion and army level.
Compiled Sources	Genealogies	Lineages	Rec	Cross-reference of Compiled Sources:Books	Books that trace the individuals descended from a common ancestor.
Compiled Sources	Genealogies	Family Group Sheets	Rec	Primary	Documents that record information about the parents and children in one family in a consistent form/format. Family group records show names, dates and places of births, marriages, and deaths, and their value is enhanced by citing the sources that document these events in the lives of family members. They may also include or reference photographs, censuses, change of residence, land purchases or sales, wills proved, and any other events in the family members' lives.
Compiled Sources	Genealogies	Family Group Records	Syn	Primary	Documents that record information about the parents and children in one family in a consistent form/format. Family group records show names, dates and places of births, marriages, and

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					deaths, and their value is enhanced by citing the sources that document these events in the lives of family members. They may also include or reference photographs, censuses, change of residence, land purchases or sales, wills proved, and any other events in the family members' lives.
Compiled Sources	Genealogies	Family Trees	Rec	Primary	Charts that name people in a family over many generations and represent their relationships to one another.
Compiled Sources	Genealogies	Genealogies	Syn	Primary	Charts that name people in a family over many generations and represent their relationships to one another.
Compiled Sources	Genealogies	Pedigree Charts	Syn	Primary	Charts that name people in a family over many generations and represent their relationships to one another.
Compiled Sources	Genealogies	Heraldry	Rec	Primary	Published works that trace royal or noble lineage.
Compiled Sources	Genealogies	Nobility	Rec	Primary	Published works that contain genealogical and biographical information about noble people (people with special political and social status - often titled by ruler of a kingdom), the families they married in to, and their descendants.
Compiled Sources	Genealogies	Peerages	Syn	Primary	Published works that contain genealogical and biographical information about noble people (people with special political and social status - often titled by ruler of a kingdom), the families they married in to, and their descendants.
Compiled Sources	Published Research	University Dissertations	Rec	Primary	Unpublished works by university graduate students that present their research of a

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					subject. Some may include personal, family, and oral histories.
Compiled Sources	Published Research	Dissertations	Syn	Primary	Unpublished works by university graduate students that present their research of a subject. Some may include personal, family, and oral histories.
Compiled Sources	Published Research	Theses	Syn	Primary	Unpublished works by university graduate students that present their research of a subject. Some may include personal, family, and oral histories.
Compiled Sources	Published Research	DNA / Genetic Studies	Rec	Primary	Sources of information provided by companies testing for DNA and reported DNA information
Compiled Sources	Digital Media	Email Lists	Rec	Primary	Postings of compiled genealogical information sent to a group email distribution list. Lists are typically composed of members interested in a common topic, such as Litvak or Rabbinic genealogy.
Compiled Sources	Digital Media	Electronic Mailing Lists	Syn	Primary	Postings of compiled genealogical information sent to a group email distribution list. Lists are typically composed of members interested in a common topic, such as Litvak or Rabbinic genealogy.
Compiled Sources	Digital Media	Social Media	Rec	Primary	Postings of compiled genealogical information, posted to a social media outlet, such as Facebook page or group or a private or public blog, typically with a common genealogical interest.
Compiled Sources	Digital Media	Jewish Community Histories	Rec	Cross-reference of Compiled Sources:Books	Books or journal articles about Jews from a specific geographical area (e.g. The Jews of Philadelphia) or a specific context (e.g. The Jewish Soldier from Michigan in the Civil War)
Compiled Sources	Digital Media	Online Databases	Rec	Primary	TBD

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Compiled Sources	Digital Media	Privately Hosted Genealogical Websites	Rec	Primary	TBD
Reference Tools	Instructions	Finding Aids	Rec	Primary	Documents to assist a researcher in searching within a particular collection, such as a documentary inventory and description of the materials, their source, and their structure. Often contain detailed, indexed information about a specific collection of records within an archive.
Reference Tools	Instructions	How to Conduct Research	Rec	Primary	Articles, books, and wikis that provide guidance to conducting genealogical research, either in general or within specific geographic areas or topics. Most archival websites provide information about what information the site contains and how best to research within that site, including instructions for using on-site search engines.
Reference Tools	Locators	Cemetery Plot Maps	Rec	Primary	Maps that depict the layout of a cemetery and identify individual lots or even individual graves. They may be used in conjunction with online burial registry sites to locate individual graves.
Reference Tools	Locators	Gazetteers	Rec	Primary	Geographical dictionaries or directories that contain place names and reference information. Often used in conjunction with a map or atlas.
Reference Tools	Locators	Maps	Rec	Primary	Images that represent of an area showing physical features, cities, roads, etc. May be created for different purposes (census, military, transportation, etc.) and can identify political boundaries, place names, parishes, geographical features, cemeteries, churches, synagogues, and migration/ transportation routes. Historical maps are

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					especially useful for understanding boundary changes or finding communities that no longer exist.
Reference Tools	Locators	Locator Finding Tools	Rec	Primary	TBD
Reference Tools	Context	Cemetery Histories	Rec	Primary	Narratives that describe the origin, location, and other details (such as section layouts and timeframes) about a particular cemetery. May include information about related congregations, landsmanshaften, burial societies, and the names of prominent individuals buried in the cemetery.
Reference Tools	Context	History Books	Rec	Primary	Narratives, often chronological in approach, that describe past events. May include information on border changes, migrations, and other useful information helpful to family history research.
Reference Tools	Context	Yearbooks	Rec	Primary	Books published yearly as a report or summary of statistics or facts that may document names of an organization's affiliated persons and events during a year. For example, it may commemorate a deployment of a United States Navy ship. Note, there is a separate record type for School Yearbooks.
Reference Tools	Facts and Figures	Almanacs	Rec	Primary	Books that contain facts and statistics about countries (such as population, climate, government), events, personalities and subjects; weights and measures; sports record; and similar types of information.
Reference Tools	Names	Given Names Alternates	Rec	Primary	Lists or books that document groups of related name variants (e.g. secular, religious, kinnui/nicknames, etc.) within the same language

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					or across languages.
Reference Tools	Names	Surnames Meaning and Migrations	Rec	Primary	Reference books or articles that explain the origins and meanings of surnames (e.g. occupational, geographical, physical characteristics, etc). May also include information of the towns or regions where those surnames were historically in use.
Reference Tools	Names	Surname Guides	Syn	Primary	Reference books or articles that explain the origins and meanings of surnames (e.g. occupational, geographical, physical characteristics, etc). May also include information of the towns or regions where those surnames were historically in use.