



## FEEFHS News

The Foundation for East European Family History Studies  
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### FEEFHS 2022 Virtual Conference Registration Opening Soon



We are putting the finishing touches on the program for the **2022 FEEFHS Virtual Conference**, to be held July 25-29, 2022.

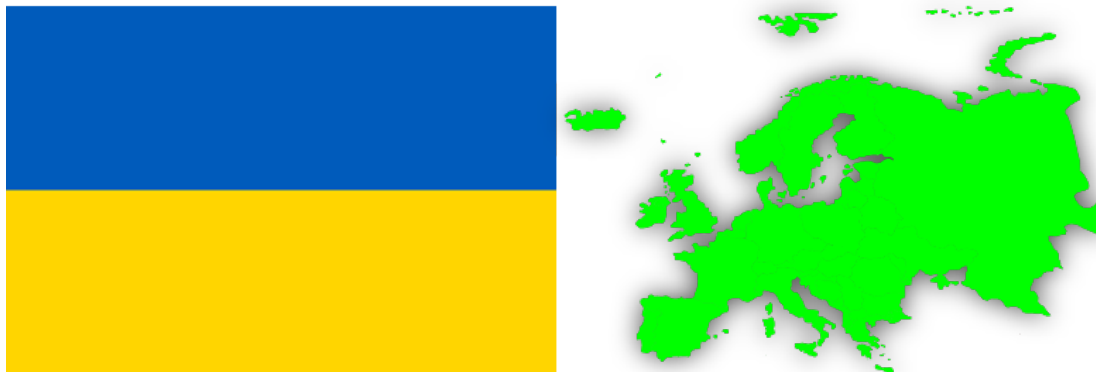
Learn from the experts in Slavic, Germanic, Jewish, and other aspects of East European Genealogy.

Live virtual workshops will offered July 25th and 26th on reading German, Hebrew, Latin, and Russian. The main conference July 27-29 will include tracks the former Austro-Hungarian Empire (including Czech, Slovak, etc.), German Empire, Poland, and the Russian Empire/USSR (including Ukraine, Belarus, and Baltic Countries) as well as a Jewish Research track, a Germans in Eastern Europe track, and classes on DNA Research, research tools, methods, and more.

The conference will again be fully virtual this year, with live and pre-recorded sessions which will be also be available to view on demand following the conference.

information will be provided soon on the [FEEFHS.org](https://www.feeffhs.org) website.

## Support for Ukraine and all of Europe



FEEFHS is an international organization that promotes genealogical research in Eastern and Central Europe without any ethnic, religious, or social distinctions. In other words, FEEFHS is inclusive of all the diversity of the region and strives to provide information to aid genealogical research for people of all backgrounds who trace their ancestry here. FEEFHS defines Eastern Europe in the broadest, most inclusive sense, taking into consideration current and former political alliances as well as geographic designations. (See [About FEEFHS](#).)

FEEFHS strives to focus objectively on genealogical research rather than on historical or modern politics. Nonetheless, with you, our hearts are touched as we discover ancestral stories of suffering due to the many political, ethnic, religious, and social conflicts that have occurred throughout the history of Eastern Europe. Sadly, these conflicts are not only part of history, but are ongoing. Our hearts go out to the the people suffering at this time due to the current conflict in Ukraine. We hope and pray for a resumption of peace. We hope for peaceful resolution of conflict and tensions across all of Europe. We are heartened by the many examples of neighborly love being shown to ease current suffering. We hope for greater freedom that will allow people to live in peace and to appreciate the rich and diverse identity and heritage of all people connected to this region of the world. And we hope for that heritage to be preserved and made ever more accessible so that everyone connected to Europe may discover and share their family stories.

## New York City Vital Records Online!

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CERTIFICATE AND RECORD OF MARRIAGE

OF

(Groom) Abraham Kaplan and (Bride) Sarah Abamowitz

Groom's Residence	<u>573 - 4 St</u>	Bride's Residence	<u>728 Malabar Ave.</u>
Age	<u>27</u>	Age	<u>23</u>
Color	<u>W</u>	Color	<u>W</u>
Single, Widowed or Divorced		Single, Widowed or Divorced	
Occupation	<u>Cook</u>	Maiden Name, if a Widow	
Birthplace	<u>Kosno Russia</u>	Birthplace	<u>Wife</u>
Father's Name	<u>Joseph</u>	Father's Name	<u>Samuel</u>
Mother's Maiden Name	<u>Lena Karbal</u>	Mother's Maiden Name	<u>Rebecca Goldstein</u>
Number of Groom's Marriage	<u>first</u>	Number of Bride's Marriage	<u>first</u>

I hereby certify that the above-named groom and bride were joined in Marriage by me, in accordance with the Laws of the State of New York, at MUNICIPAL BLDG. (Street Church), in the Borough of BROOKLYN, City of New York, this 25 of DEC 1930.

Signature of person performing the Ceremony Thomas J. Maher

Official Station \_\_\_\_\_

Witnesses to the Marriage: Louis Robbins Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Chas Kaplan Residence \_\_\_\_\_

NO MUTILATED CERTIFICATE WILL BE RECEIVED

The New York City Department of Records & Information Services has just released a massive collection of historical vital records for all burroughs, includg births 1866-1909, marriages 1866-1949, and deaths 1862-1948. Over 9.3 million of 13.3 million records have been digitized thus far. The records are available to search and view online for free at the The York City Munciple Archives [Historical Vital Records](#) site.

As a great many Eastern European immigrants to North America came through New York City, this collection is vital to tracing immigrant origins. Records not only confirm important vital events for these immigrant families in America, but also can provide significant clues, including names of parents, places of birth, birth dates or estimated birth years, clues to religious affiliation, as well as other genealogically relevant information.

This has been a long time coming. Archivists and members of the genealogical community, especially the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society and National Genealogical Society (with the former Federation of Genealogical Societies) have worked hard to garner the support from of New York City and State government officials to allow access and provide financial support for the project. In a [press release](#) the Mayor of New York, the Commissioner of the Department of Records & Information Services, the New York State Archivists and other government officials pledged support for the project for the long term.

## Polish Records from Metryki GenBaza Saved

For 19 years, the [Metryki GenBaza](#) website has provided access to records from several Polish state and Catholic diocese archives. Due to limited financial and human resources to maintain the site, it had *previously* been announced that the website would be shut

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Thanks to the generous support of numerous interested genealogists and genealogical associations, the website will now continue with a migration to new servers, and new dedicated staff to run the site. The site will remain at its present address and, for now at least, will retain the same look and functionality, but with new servers and new software, the site will run more smoothly and other enhancements are expected to come.

The site has been made possible thanks to the dedicated work for 19 years of Tomek Nitsch, with help of co-founders Tomek Gawłowski and Leszek Ćwikliński, and many others who captured images of the records. Damian Murawski is the new site administrator and Leszek will also continue as co-creator. The rescue of the site and its ongoing existence depend upon the generous support of donors.

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