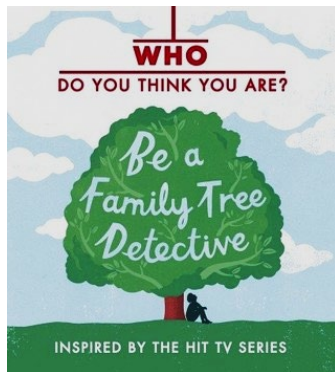
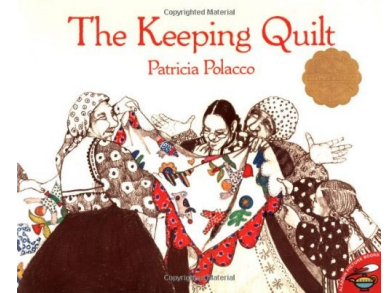


FAMILY HISTORY TITLES

We have several family histories in the Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library at Congregation Achduth Vesholom, as well as workbooks and guidebooks for starting your genealogy research. Check out our full catalog of related titles [here](#). For additional links and information, visit the Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society's [website](#).

Picture Books for Younger Readers

By far the two best family history picture books in our collection are two titles by the well-known children's book author, Patricia Polacco. *The Keeping Quilt*, and its sequel, *The Blessing Cup*, are both Sydney Taylor Award-winners, and are beautiful stories of immigration, heirlooms, and multi-generational connections. Michael Herman's *Under the Sabbath Lamp* is another excellent picture book that explores a family history through an unusual heirloom. *Grandma Esther Remembers*, by Ann Morris, is a more direct, non-fiction account of two girls learning their family stories from their grandmother. Suggestions are included in the back of the book for learning about your own family.

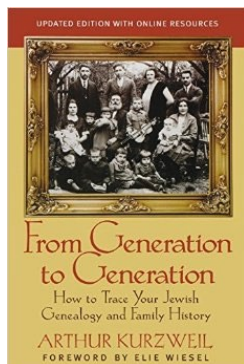
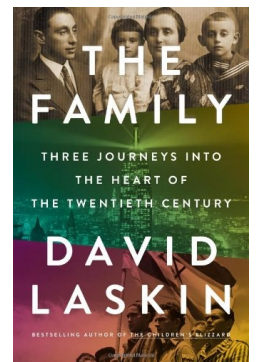


For Older Children and Young Adults

We have two excellent genealogy guidebooks for older children in our juvenile non-fiction collection. *Who Do You Think You Are? Be a Family Detective*, by Dan Waddell, was inspired by the hit TV series. It breaks down family history research into parts related to different types of records and provides first-step projects for children. Ira Wolfman's *Do People Grow on Family Trees?* is a genealogy primer for middle-grade readers. *The American Jewish Family Album*, by Dorothy and Thomas Hoobler, is not a "how-to" guide, but a collection of records and stories of three centuries of Jewish immigrants to the United States. This beautiful book, full of rare photographs and documents, is part of our young adult collection.

For Adults

For inspiration, there is no better title than David Laskin's *The Family: Three Journeys into the Heart of the Twentieth Century*. The author very adeptly tells the story of his family's origins in western Russia, their emigration to Israel and the United States, and the fate of those who chose to stay behind. Almost any family with Jewish roots will have a similar story, and Laskin's writing can inspire those who are looking to tell their own stories. Another excellent title involving family history research is Sarah Wildman's *Paper Love: Searching for the Girl My Grandfather Left Behind*. Wildman takes the reader on her journey to discover more about her grandfather following his death and her discovery of a chest full of letters. Those interested in DNA and genetics might be interested in Harry Ostrer's *Legacy: A Genetic History of the Jewish People*.



Those looking for help with their research can check out three of the classic Jewish genealogy texts: Arthur Kurzweil's *From Generation to Generation: How to Trace Your Jewish Genealogy and Personal History*, *The Encyclopedia of Jewish Genealogy*, by Miriam Weiner, and *Finding Our Fathers: A Guidebook to Jewish Genealogy* by Dan Rottenberg. Though the books may not keep pace with the advances in digital research, the methods and records they describe are absolutely sound. Benzion Kaganoff's *Dictionary of Jewish Names and Their History* is a fascinating look at the history of Jewish given names and surnames, along with a brief dictionary. If you're looking for help in sharing your family stories, you might check out *Zap the Grandma Gap: Connect With Your Family by Connecting Them to their Family History*, by Janet Hovorka. This short paperback is full of ideas for making those inter-generational connections.