**Genealogy podcasts**

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**Here is a definition** of podcast from Wikipedia: “A podcast is an episodic series of spoken word digital audio files that a user can download to a personal device for easy listening. Streaming applications and podcasting services provide a convenient and integrated way to manage a personal consumption queue across many podcast sources and playback devices.”

Listening to podcasts via cellphone is a convenient way to learn more about genealogy while walking, driving, exercising, or doing other activities.

Here are a few ways you can listen to a podcast:

* Directly from a website via a web browser like Chrome, Safari or Microsoft Edge
* On an iPhone or iPad using the Apple Podcasts app
* On an Android phone using a variety of apps such as Spotify, Pandora, Google Podcasts
* Sometimes podcast apps are called “pod catchers.” Examples include Podcast Republic, Overcast, Podcast Addict and Stitcher.

Cyndi’s List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet offers a list of both general and locality/topic specific podcasts. Some popular genealogy podcasts include:

---The Family Tree Magazine Podcast: <https://www.familytreemagazine.com/genealogy-podcast/>

---Extreme Genes: <https://extremegenes.com/>

---The Genealogy Guys: <http://www.genealogyguys.com/>

---Genealogy Gems: <https://lisalouisecooke.com/podcasts/>

---Genealogy Happy Hour: <https://genealogyhappyhour.com/podcasts/>

---Genealogy Gold Podcast: <https://ancestralfindings.com/genealogygold/>

---Generations Café: <https://www.stitcher.com/podcast/generations-cafe>

---The Research Like A Pro Genealogy Podcast: <https://familylocket.com/the-research-like-a-pro-genealogy-podcast/>

---Research at the National Archives and Beyond!: <https://www.blogtalkradio.com/bernicebennett>

Other sources recommending podcasts include Jewish genealogical societies or Jewish-genealogy specific websites such as Tracing the Tribe, which may list their podcast recommendations on Facebook, or mention them in their blog postings or on their websites.

**Webinars of interest to family historians**

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**Genealogy webinars** are being offered at several places online. Most of the following are free:

---The *Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois* has available to paid JGSI members more than 65 recordings of past meeting presentations at: <https://jgsi.org/Past-Meeting-Videos-and-Handouts>

---*JewishGen* is offering a series of educational webinars with Jewish genealogical experts at: <https://www.jewishgen.org/live>

---*Legacy Family Tree Webinars* is rotating a different free genealogy webinar each day. See [https://familytreewebinars.com/#](https://familytreewebinars.com/). Register for multiple future free webinars from Legacy Family Tree at <https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars-multireg.php>

---*IGRA*, the Israel Genealogy Research Association, is holding free webinars mostly in English about Jewish genealogy research resources. Scroll down their calendar of events to register for coming webinars: <https://genealogy.org.il/calendar/>

---*The Center for Jewish History* is holding a free virtual Genealogy Coffee Break webinar at 2:30 p.m. Central Time *every Tuesday* on Facebook Live. If you are on Facebook, go to: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/centerforjewishhistory/501317183869918>

---*RootsTech* has an online archive of recorded presentations from their February 2020 conference at: <https://www.rootstech.org/category/2020-rootstech-sessions>

---*RootsTech Connect*, a free online genealogy technology conference, will take place Feb. 25-27, 2021. Register at: <https://www.rootstech.org/?lang=eng>

---*The National Institute for Genealogical Studies* offers informative free genealogical meetings. See the schedule at: <https://www.genealogicalstudies.com/eng/chats.asp>. The virtual learning rooms open 15 minutes before each meeting.

--- ConferenceKeeper.org has compiled a list of virtual genealogy webinars at <https://tinyurl.com/ycsesnbc>

---*MyHeritage* has a list of Facebook Live sessions and Ask the Expert webinars at <https://blog.myheritage.com/category/events-webinars/>

---“Resources for Sephardic Jewish Research: An Introduction” by Schelly Talalay Dardashti can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ywoXcY2YRis&feature=youtu.be>

---"Mishpokhe—Jewish Polish Genealogy, Part 2: After 1939” from *Your Roots in Poland* can be viewed at <https://www.facebook.com/YourRootsInPoland/videos/883961538738660>

---*The Jewish Genealogy Society of Cleveland* has planned Zoom presentations that are listed at <http://jgscleveland.org/index.asp>

---*The Jewish Genealogical Society of Connecticut* is holding genealogy webinars; non-members pay $5. See the registration links at: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/jgsct/posts/>

---*The Jewish Genealogical Society of North Jersey* has compiled a list of links to online genealogy courses and webinars, blogs and podcasts, and more at: <http://www.jgsnj.org/learn-read-blog-watch.html>

---*The Orange County California Jewish Genealogical Society* is offering virtual events. See registration links at: <https://www.ocjgs.org/>

---Joel Weintraub, an amateur but experienced Jewish genealogist, has a YouTube channel with several genealogy lectures that he has created at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTyvL4MKwcPnDSz0FTLZf6Q>

**Around the U.S.**, state genealogical societies, historical societies, history museums, and other institutions are presenting live-streaming events, many of which have a genealogical focus. Google them to find relevant groups located in the states where your ancestors lived.

Some of the groups that are hosting genealogy webinars include:

---*The New York Genealogical and Biographical Society* is holding free webinars, some of which have a New York focus, while others have a general genealogy focus. See the events list at: <https://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/calendar>

--- *The YIVO Institute for Jewish Research* has made their online classes available for free, plus many past programs can be viewed on YouTube. For information and relevant links, see: <https://www.yivo.org/digital-release>

---*The State Historical Society of Missouri* has a webinar schedule at <https://shsmo.org/events>

**If your ancestors lived in Chicago**, some of the free virtual neighborhood tours being offered by two Chicago tour companies may be of interest because of their focus on Chicago history:

---*Mysterious Chicago* does Facebook Live tours at:

<https://www.facebook.com/mysteriouschicago/>

Mysterious Chicago has a collection of recorded Facebook Live tours at: <https://www.facebook.com/mysteriouschicago/videos>

---*Chicago Detours* Tour Co. has a YouTube channel collection of recorded tours at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/chicagodetours/videos>

**If you are new to using Zoom**, the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston has an easy to understand Zoom tutorial on their website at: <https://www.jgsgb.org/zoom-help/>

**To find online links to** other Jewish genealogical societies, check out the list from the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies at: <https://www.iajgs.org/membership/member-societies/>