

Handout for Power Up: Finding your Record in the FHL Film and Polish State Archives

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1. Create a log in for both FamilySearch.org and JewishGen.org
2. Search for your name/s in the All Lithuania Database:
<https://www.litvaksig.org/all-lithuania-database/search-ald/>
3. Select your record and note the page or page range, the archival reference and the number of the record.
4. Click on the hyperlink which brings you to the page in FamilySearch where your record is located.
5. Type in the first number of the page range into the box at the upper left, and hit "enter." Do NOT hit the forward arrow!
6. Scroll forward through the file until you reach your record. It will be the *only* record with that number in that specific page range.
7. Likewise, for the PSA, click on the hyperlink, noting which record you are searching.
8. Records are *usually* arranged as Births, then an index, Marriages, then an index, and finally Deaths, and an index. They may or may not have an index between the sections but have a final index instead.
9. Scroll forward through the records until you reach your number.
10. The record can be downloaded as a jpg or xml image, and the link can be copied so you can reference it in your research.
11. No hyperlink in the FHL? The record is locked? You can go to a Family History Library, or request the record from FamilySearch at this website:
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/library/record-lookup-service>
Or if the film is available and there is no link, you can search for the record yourself using a tutorial at this link: <https://www.litvaksig.org/all-lithuania-database/fhl-film-navigation>

About 50% of the records in the ALD have a hyperlink. New links are being added with each upload to the database. Check back frequently for records which you have previously searched to find yours!

