Birds-of-a-Feather
Applications for Passports and Personal IDs
Vilnius Household Registers
1919-1940

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With an all-volunteer organization you get leadership that is energetic, dedicated, responsive, and knowledgeable.

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Even an All-Volunteer Organization Has Expenses

Annual Membership $50 - Supports the operating expenses of LitvakSIG such as

- Maintaining our website (LitvakSIG.org)
- Annual donation to JewishGen for hosting the All Lithuania Database (ALD)

Membership provides access to Members Only area of website

- Maps
- Recordings of some conference presentations
- Index of Jewish Records in the Kaunas Regional State Archives (KRA)
- Index of Jewish Vital Records in Lithuanian State Historical Archive (LVIA)
- Kaunas Merchant Lists (Description)
- Information on microfilmed records for Lithuania held by the US Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C.
- Voting in the annual election of officers and board members.
Two Ways to Access Records

1. Donate to a project or district research group
   • Immediate access
   • You get spreadsheets, with all their advantages

2. Use the All-Lithuania Database (ALD)
   • Free
   • Delayed access to new data (18 months)
LitvakSIG is the primary internet resource for Lithuanian-Jewish ("Litvak") genealogy research worldwide.

Our mission is to preserve Litvak heritage by discovering, collecting, documenting and disseminating information about the once vibrant Jewish community of Lithuania.

LitvakSIG has long-term relationships with the archives in Lithuania. In addition to translating...
Internal Passport Applications

- The Internal passport was for identification – NOT for travel
- Issued in both Lithuanian- and Polish-controlled areas
- Everyone had to get one when they reached adulthood
- Files contain applications & supporting materials – NOT the passport itself
Internal Passport Applications: Passport Card

- No, this is not the passport!
- It is an office document that summarizes the important information of an application, is signed by the applicant, and includes the applicant’s picture
- It has the same information that appears in the actual passport
- Many internal passport application files include an internal passport card, but not all of them.
Internal Passport Applications: Passport Envelope

- In general, supporting documents and the internal passport card are in the same file.

- There is one exception: the **Kaunas city** internal passport applications. For these applications, all supporting material is filed in an envelope, separate from the internal passport card.

- Use the ALD to find passport envelopes
Passport Applications – What’s Online?

Kaunas City Internal Passport Cards – finished

Kaunas City Passport Envelopes – in progress (both indexing and posting of images)

Film links are included with the ALD search results (NEW!)
Internal Passport card
Internal Passport card
Foreign (Travel) Passport Applications

Only needed for travel abroad, so many fewer people applied vs. Internal passports

The basic information is similar to an internal passport application

Dependents could travel on the same passport as the family head

Applications often included information about travel plans
Passport Applications - Summary

112,865 lines – Lithuanian Internal Passport Applications – finished, in ALD

43,062 lines – Polish Internal Passport Applications – finished, in ALD

1,882 lines – Lithuanian Foreign Passport Applications – finished, in ALD

16,850 lines – Polish Foreign Passport Applications – finished, in ALD

11,525 lines – Passport Envelopes – in progress

672 lines – German Passport Applications – in progress
Passport Applications – Spreadsheet Access

You have to donate

The Vilnius Internal Passports special project includes
• Internal passport applications for Vilnius city
• Foreign passport applications
• German passport applications

For all other passport applications you must donate to the appropriate district research group
Vilnius Household Registers

Every person had to register when they secured an apartment

Children under age 14 registered with a parent

Everyone – children and adults – was shown in the register

Family relationships are not explicit, but often can be deduced

Typically a person is listed multiple times for various reasons
Vilnius Household Registers
BRAVO sisters in the interwar years

1887-1890 Cyna and Tajba were born in Salakas (with the names of the parents given)
1912 They came to Vilnius
1919 They registered at Zawalna 66 in July, then moved to Zawalna 24 in October
? Cyna was married to Szloma A., uncertain when
1923 Cyna, Szloma, and Tajba were visited by Ester Bravo from Riga for a week
1925 Tajba briefly went to Warsaw in July; she was married by this time
1927 Administrative reregistration; by this time, Tajba was divorced
1931 Another administrative reregistration. Szloma went to a different apartment
     in the same building for a few months.
1938 Cyna, Tajba, and Szloma left Zawalna 24 for good
Project data are being released in batches of not less than 5000 lines each

17 batches (spreadsheets) have been completed so far

Use the batch previews document to identify batches of interest to you (https://tinyurl.com/VHR-previews)

Make a qualifying donation ($50 per batch), mentioning the batch you want

You will get a download link by email
Vilnius Household Registers - Summary

50,558 lines in the ALD now

~35,000 lines in the 18-month waiting period (available to donors)

Many more lines awaiting processing

The final project will exceed 350,000 lines
Vilnius Household Registers – Learn More

VHR Home Page https://tinyurl.com/VHR-home

VHR database description https://tinyurl.com/VHR-description

My article in AVOTAYNU https://tinyurl.com/VHR-Article

Instructions to house managers https://tinyurl.com/VHR-Instructions

Interactive Vilnius map https://www.litvaksig.org/vilnius-map

Batch previews https://tinyurl.com/VHR-Previews

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Upcoming Zoom Meetings

Sunday, April 24, 2022 at noon Eastern Daylight Time (US)
• Siauliai
• Suwalki
  Jody Tzucker, District Coordinator

Sunday, May 22, 2022 at noon Eastern Daylight Time (US)
• Lida
• Oshmiany
  Judy Baston, District Coordinator

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