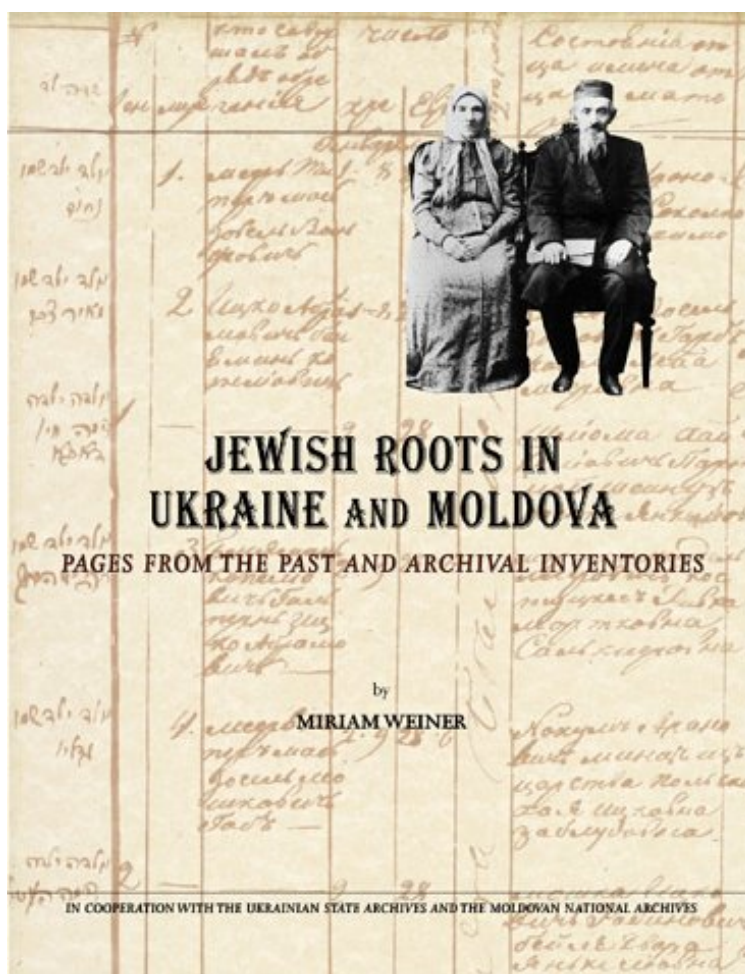


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collected from among the circumscribed community of Jewish peoples in the Ukraine and Moldova. Of course that is where my mother and father's parents derived which rivets me even more urgently to the encyclopedic information. They are dead now. My cousins, now in their late 60s and 70s, and mostly living in Paris, have no information from their war, revolution and pogrom traumatized parents, long gone, as the tumult of life in the late 19th and early 20th Century was overwhelming. Our parents shut off memory and stories from fear and safety, and only marginally and apocryphally shared tidbits with our generation. Thus, Miriam's scholarly and massive search is a work of sublime significance and worth the struggle for those who value knowing and caring about the mystery of family inheritance. Many of us owe a profound debt to her astounding genealogical documentation. When one is searching for a 'personal' connection, the huge information available and the dominant amount of photographic material is initially frustrating and initially distracting...but...at a point, the gestalt of the imagery and information has its humbling impact. All this starts as a reality forgotten, invisible, impossible to engage, remote, lost, sad, amazing, a world of people, styles, struggles, creativity, culture that in many instances shows the bland and flat culture in which we, in the 21st Century, now endure with all our meaningless and infinite consumer goods, comfort culture, alienation, lost histories, fragile identities and limited stories. Finding a copy of this book is an ordeal in itself. Affording it is another hurdle as I found another copy selling for over \$700 (!) despite the \$60 original 1999 copyrighted book jacket price. But for me, aching about the inability to ask my family, or any acquaintances about our origins, it is a priceless treasure that lavishes a look into a world gone forever. Miriam Weiner's work is a service to human kind and a unique gift to those of us whose roots came deep from the drama of the Jewish Shtetls and the Pale. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A must have By Claire The ultimate resource for Eastern European Genealogy. A must have in your own library. Weiner's books are the classic enduring references. Well worth the investment 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Blue Raven A beautiful book, A time travel to old Europe. Very comprehensive.

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