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# in the Russian Empire



## David Brill

Sunday, March 9, 2025

1pm on ZOOM

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The reign of Tsar Nicholas I (1825-1855) is infamous in Russian Jewish history for the brutal conscription of minor boys. This presentation explores ways to connect the “runaway” to his birth family using strategies including analyzing revision lists, 19th century Russian-language documents, multi-generational name comparisons, and genetic genealogy. David uses his own ancestors who fled their shtetls as children in the 1830’s-1840’s, to show how genealogy can piece together the stories of their journeys.

A self-taught translator of pre-revolutionary Russian-language genealogical records, **David R. Brill** manages the Rovno District Jewish Records Project for JewishGen’s Ukraine Research Division, and is the JewishGen town leader for his ancestral shtetl of Tuchin, Ukraine. A longtime member of the Jewish Genealogical and Archival Society of Greater Philadelphia, David coordinates its Russian Interest Group. David has been researching his family history for over 30 years and is a civil engineer with the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration.

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