## **Getting Started as a Town Leader**

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The Ukraine Research Division covers 800 towns. We are seeking volunteers to serve as Town Leaders. A Town Leader serves as an important resource for researchers interested in the town of their ancestors.

The Ukraine RD maintains a Town Page on our website for each town. A Town Page is an almanac which includes detailed information about the town, as well as contact information for the Town Leader and a link to the Town's KehilaLinks.

A town leader's responsibilities include:

- 1. Create a <u>KehilaLinks</u> page (if one does not exist). KehilaLinks are web pages, hosted on JewishGen, which commemorate the places where Jews lived, including stories, histories, photographs, and memoirs. You do not need to have website development experience to be a KehilaLinks owner.
  - The Ukraine RD now has an easy-to-use template and web site development tool that enables the creation of KehilaLinks without any prior web development experience.
- 2. Contact fellow researchers interested in your town through the <u>JewishGen Family Finder</u>. Solicit information for your town for your KehilaLinks page including photos, memoirs, recipes and stories.

As a town leader, you will be responsible for communicating news of your project to Karen Steinfeld, the Towns Director. Please feel free to reach out to Karen if you have questions or need help.