

Download Polish Jewish Surnames

Polish names have two main elements: the imię, the first name, or given name; and the nazwisko, the last name, surname or family name. The usage of personal names in Poland is generally governed by civil law, church law, personal taste and family custom. By Gideon What does "Jewish" family name mean? Does a family name can really trace back a family tree through history? Can we tell who is Jewish and who is not Jewish Surnames. Historically, Jews did not have permanent family surnames at all. Within the Jewish community, we used patronymics, such as David ben (son of) Joseph or Miriam bat (daughter of) Aaron. Jewish surnames are family names of Jews. Jewish surnames are thought to be of recent origin; the first known Jewish family names date to the middle ages, in the 10th and 11th centuries CE.