

**November 2006**  
**Ron Arons**  
**The Internet beyond JewishGen & Steve Morse**



JewishGen and Steve Morse's website provide the Jewish genealogist with fantastic tools to help with your research. But there is so much more. Ron Aron's presentation demonstrated other "best bet" websites that allow you to find many other materials online, including historical documents, newspapers and articles, living people, maps and photos, foreign language translators and aids, and more. Ron provided numerous examples of how the Internet has worked for him.

Ron provided a list of the websites he demonstrated and more websites he has used. This list is copied below.

Ron spent a good deal of his time explaining how to find both living and deceased people. Ron used an example from his experience to humorously demonstrate finding himself. Ron read an article about some very sophisticated technology that he thought the US Armed Forces could apply in Iraq. He wrote to (former) Defense Secretary Rumsfeld about this technology and signed his email indicating he was a Princeton University graduate just like Secretary Rumsfeld. In response, he received an email from a Rumsfeld staffer asking for Ron's mailing address. Ron used many websites cited in his list to track himself down. Ron wondered why a sophisticated organization like the Defense Department could not use Internet tools available to all of us to find him.

**The Internet Beyond JewishGen & Steve Morse's Website**

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#### **Genealogy Tutorials & Link Sites**

[www.cyndislist.com](http://www.cyndislist.com)

[www.jewishgen.org](http://www.jewishgen.org) (FAQs)

[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) (Research Guides)

[www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)

[www.genealogy.com](http://www.genealogy.com)

[www.myheritage.com](http://www.myheritage.com)

#### **US Federal & NY Censuses**

HeritageQuest via NYGBS ([www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org](http://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org) )

[www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org](http://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org)

[www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)

[www.stevemorse.org](http://www.stevemorse.org)

[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

#### **Immigration & Naturalization**

[www.stevemorse.org](http://www.stevemorse.org) (NY, Phil, Boston, Baltimore, Galveston,, Philadelphia, San Francisco Passenger Lists)

[www.stevemorse.org](http://www.stevemorse.org) (NYC Naturalizations)

[www.hamburg.de](http://www.hamburg.de) (Hamburg Passenger Ship Lists)

[www.schiffslisten.de](http://www.schiffslisten.de) (Bremen Passenger Ship Lists)

[www.genealogy.com](http://www.genealogy.com) (Russians to America)

#### **Old City Directories**

[www.uscitydirectories.com](http://www.uscitydirectories.com)

[www.GRAonline.com](http://www.GRAonline.com)

#### **Records in the Old Country**

[www.jewishgen.org](http://www.jewishgen.org)

[www.rtrfoundation.org](http://www.rtrfoundation.org) (Miriam Weiner's site)

<http://www.archiwa.gov.pl> (Polish State Archives)

#### **Newspapers**

[www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org](http://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org) (NY Times via ProQuest)

[www.godfrey.org](http://www.godfrey.org) (NY Times, LA Times, Chicago Tribune, Wash Post, Miami Herald, Boston Herald, Atlanta Constitution via Proquest)

[www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org](http://www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org) (Brooklyn Daily Eagle)

<http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/nysnp/> (New York State History Project)

[www.NewspaperArchive.com](http://www.NewspaperArchive.com) (via Godfrey Library)

[www.ObitsArchive.com](http://www.ObitsArchive.com) (\$\$\$)

NewsBank Obits (via Godfrey Library)

[www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)

[www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov)

[www.nypl.org](http://www.nypl.org)

### **People Finders**

[www.infospace.com](http://www.infospace.com)

[www.intelius.com](http://www.intelius.com)

[www.knowx.com](http://www.knowx.com)

[www.ussearch.com](http://www.ussearch.com)

[www.people-finders.ws](http://www.people-finders.ws)

[www.zabasearch.com](http://www.zabasearch.com)

[www.lookupusa.com](http://www.lookupusa.com)

~~[www.findusa.com](http://www.findusa.com)~~ (No longer available via Godfrey Library)

[www.teldir.com](http://www.teldir.com) (Int'l telephone directories)

[www.NumberWay.com](http://www.NumberWay.com) (Int'l telephone directories)

[www.192.com](http://www.192.com) (UK telephone numbers & voter registration list)

### **Professional Directories**

- Attorneys:

o [www.martindale.com](http://www.martindale.com)

o [www.findlaw.com](http://www.findlaw.com)

o [www.searchsystems.net](http://www.searchsystems.net) (Links to state Bar associations)

o State client protection fund websites

- Doctors:

o <http://webapps.ama-assn.org/doctorfinder/> (AMA website)

o [www.healthgrades.com](http://www.healthgrades.com)

o State medical boards

- Dentists:

o <http://www.ada.org/public/directory/index.asp>

o [www.doctoroogle.com](http://www.doctoroogle.com)

- Stockbrokers:

o [www.nasd.com](http://www.nasd.com)

- Other Professions & Trades:

o [www.searchsystems.net](http://www.searchsystems.net)

### **Other People Finders:**

[www.classmates.com](http://www.classmates.com)

[www.weddingchannel.com](http://www.weddingchannel.com)

[www.stevemorse.org](http://www.stevemorse.org) (finding couples)

### **Current Maps, Directions, Photos**

[www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com)

[maps.google.com](http://maps.google.com)

[maps.yahoo.com](http://maps.yahoo.com)

[www.expedia.com](http://www.expedia.com)

<http://gis.nyc.gov/doitt/mp/Portal.do> (NYC Map Portal)

[www.hopstop.com](http://www.hopstop.com) (subway & bus directions for NYC, elsewhere)

[www.multimap.com](http://www.multimap.com) (Int'l)

[Earth.google.com](http://Earth.google.com)

[Local.live.com](http://Local.live.com) (Microsoft's new worldwide mapping facility)

[images.google.com](http://images.google.com)

[www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov)

[www.traffic.com](http://www.traffic.com)

[www.propertyshark.com](http://www.propertyshark.com)

**Old Maps & Photos**

[www.feehhs.org](http://www.feehhs.org)

[www.bklyn-genealog-info.com](http://www.bklyn-genealog-info.com)

[www.avotaynu.com/maps.htm](http://www.avotaynu.com/maps.htm)

[www.avotaynu.com/postcards](http://www.avotaynu.com/postcards)

[www.generationspress.com](http://www.generationspress.com)

[www.alangodfreymaps.co.uk](http://www.alangodfreymaps.co.uk)

[sanborn.umi.com](http://sanborn.umi.com)

[www.oldyorklibrary.org](http://www.oldyorklibrary.org) (Postcards with photos of old New York)

[www.davidrumsey.com](http://www.davidrumsey.com)

**Languages & Translation Aids**

[Babelfish.altavista.com](http://Babelfish.altavista.com)

[www.YourDictionary.com](http://www.YourDictionary.com) (Links for many languages)

[www.leo.org](http://www.leo.org) English ← → German

[www.poltran.com](http://www.poltran.com)

[www.translate.ru](http://www.translate.ru)

[www.ectaco.com/online-dictionary/](http://www.ectaco.com/online-dictionary/) (Yiddish, many other languages)

[www.yiddishdictionaryonline.com](http://www.yiddishdictionaryonline.com)

[www.stevemorse.org](http://www.stevemorse.org)

JewishGen's ViewMate facility

**Finding Books (Old & New)**

[www.bookfinder.com](http://www.bookfinder.com)

[www.alibris.com](http://www.alibris.com)

[www.bibliofind.com](http://www.bibliofind.com)

[www.abebooks.com](http://www.abebooks.com)

**Other:**

[www.ebay.com](http://www.ebay.com)

[www.google.com](http://www.google.com)

[www.grokker.com](http://www.grokker.com) (Graphical representation of Yahoo search results)

<http://jnu1.huji.ac.il/rambi/> (RAMBI – Index of articles on Jewish studies)

[www.frappr.com](http://www.frappr.com) (Building your own family community online)