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Mission: The mission of Jewish Records Indexing - Poland (JRI-Poland) www.jri-poland.org, an independent non-profit organization founded in 1996, is to create searchable on-line indices of Jewish records from current and former territories of Poland. The indices in JRI-Poland come from two major sources, 1) Mormon microfilms of Jewish records from more than 500 towns and villages and 2) Records not filmed by the Mormons, in branches of the Polish State Archives. Other sources include books of permanent residents, census records, newspapers, government publications, and cemetery burials and gravestones.

Update: Searchable database contains index entries to approximately 3 million records from over 450 towns. More than 195 active Shtetl CO-OPs. The JRI-Poland PSA Order Processing System includes all Polish State Archives branches where Jewish vital records (not previously microfilmed by the LDS) have been indexed. See <http://www.jri-poland.org/psa/psabasketlist.htm> for a list. During 2005, nearly 1,300 individual orders were processed through 31 Archive branches for about 280 towns where Jewish records survived. More than 1,000 researchers from 25 countries received about 5,400 individual records to further their research. Indexing generally completed of available 100 year old Jewish records of towns in the following archive branches: Bialystok, Czestochowa, Góra Kalwaria, Grodzisk Mazowiecki, Jedrzejow, Kielce, Leczyca, Lomza, Mlawa, Pinczów, Przemyśl, Radom, Rzeszów, Starachowice, Suwalki, Tomaszów Mazowiecki and Warszawa. Work started or continues in 19 other branches. 78 of the 87 Galician towns with records housed at the Warsaw Archives have been fully or partially indexed.