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Mission: The primary function of the Lodz Area Research Group (LARG) is to facilitate communication and cooperation among researchers interested in Lodz and the surrounding towns. These communities were in the area once known as the Kingdom of Poland, also known as Congress Poland or Russian Poland, occupied by the Russian Empire from 1815 until 1918. We strive to provide researchers with a forum, clearinghouse and resource for the collection and dissemination of genealogical and historical information relating to these approximately 80 Jewish communities in the Lodz area.

Update: We created a LARGHelp Team to respond to the many inquiries the group receives throughout the year. Eight LARG towns have ShtetLinks on the JewishGen website with one more in progress. If yours is not represented, consider creating a ShtetLink for it. We can help. Six LARG towns are listed on JewishGen as having off-site web pages. If you have one for your town, let us know and we will link to it. Several volunteers signed up as Town Contact Persons over the past year. The job is not to necessarily know more, but to gather and share information received from other researchers as well as contribute whatever he/she knows about the town. Indexing continues of vital records located on LDS microfilms and in the Polish State Archives for several LARG towns through Jewish Records Indexing-Poland Upcoming projects include indexing Books of Residents for LARG towns: Lodz, Belchatow, and Radomsko.