

# Jews involved in public life of Bessarabia

## Introduction.

Bessarabia Calendars - in some cases named “Bessarabia Reference Calendar” – were published by the office of Bessarabia Governor for each incoming calendar year. Similar publications were produced by all Governors’ offices of Russian Empire. There were no standard requirements for those publications and even Bessarabia Calendar’s contents differed from year to year. Nevertheless each Calendar contained major chapters related to the following reference materials:

- 1 Daily calendars with reference to Russian Orthodox Church holidays, Names of the Saints celebrated on that particular day, times of the sunrise and sunset, and the lengths of the day.
- 2 List of the Major Russian Orthodox Church Holidays, Holidays related to Russian Imperial Family, and major events established by Governors’ office and local administration.
- 3 List of all Federal and Local Government Organizations, Local Government Agencies, Religious Organizations, Major Charities, Hospitals, Schools, Public Associations, Trade Associations, etc. Each list contained Names, Ranks, Titles, and Positions held of all ranking officials, association members, major charity contributors, etc.
- 4 Broad Statistical and Reference information related to different aspects of the public life, local economy, transportation, postal service, means of communication, units of measurements, etc.

Information for the database “Jews involved in public life of Bessarabia” has been compiled from information in Chapter 3. Selections have been made based on persons’ Last and First names (typical Jewish names), or occupation (Rabbi, Jewish School Teacher, etc.).

The photocopies (pdf files) of “Bessarabia Calendars” published for the years 1862, 1872, 1875, 1882, 1883, 1885, 1887, 1888, 1893, 1895, 1896, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1907, 1910, 1911, 1912 and 1914 – are available as the source for the database. Current version of the database contains information from Bessarabia Calendars for the years preceding 1895.

This project of translating/transcribing “Bessarabia Reference Calendars” began in January of 2013, using electronic copies (pdf files) received from The Boris Eltsin Presidential Library ([www.prlib.ru](http://www.prlib.ru)).

The information from “Bessarabia Reference Calendars” was reviewed, translated, and compiled into “Jews involved in public life of Bessarabia” database by Yuriy Daylis.

Yuriy Daylis dedicates his work to three generations of his ancestors – Daylis, Rabinovitch, and Galperin families who over the span of more than 125 years made a valuable contribution to public and cultural life of Bessarabia and Moldavia.

## Sample Illustrations.

Please find below some sample pages of “Bessarabia Calendars” for years 1887 and 1888.



Title page of Bessarabian  
Calendar for 1887,  
published in Kishinev

Пасторъ Альфонсъ Карловичъ *Мейеръ*, ректоръ Высочайше утвержденнаго Александровскаго пріюта, въ селеніи Сарата, Аккерманскаго уѣзда.

### Еврейскаго исповѣданія.

Въ г. Кишиневѣ, раввинъ Идель *Барцескій*.  
Помощникъ его, Алтеръ Ицковичъ *Лосъзонъ*.  
Въ гор. Хотинѣ, раввинъ Сруль Лейбъ Пусимовичъ *Тютинманъ*.  
Въ м. Бричанахъ Хотинскаго уѣзда, раввинъ Маркусъ Алтеровичъ *Розенштрахъ*.  
Въ г. Аккерманѣ, раввинъ Вольфъ *Крошкинъ*.  
Въ г. Оргѣевѣ, раввинъ Юсь *Хинкисъ*.  
Въ г. Бѣльцахъ, раввинъ Юлій *Шапира*.  
Въ м. Скулянахъ, раввинъ Іосифъ Хаимовъ *Вейнбергъ*.  
Въ г. Бендерахъ, раввинъ *Бродъ*.

### По Военному Вѣдомству.

#### 14-я пѣхотная дивизія.

Начальникъ дивизіи, Генераль-Лейтенантъ Яковъ Степановичъ *Кржиоболюкій*, въ г. Кишиневѣ.  
Начальникъ Штаба, Генеральнаго Штаба Полковникъ Григорій Яковлевичъ *Барановскій*, въ г. Кишиневѣ.  
Дивизионный врачъ, Ст. Сов. Игнатій Осиповичъ *Норейко*, въ г. Кишиневѣ.  
Старшій Адъютантъ по хозяйственной части, Капитанъ Григорій Антоновичъ *Аджемовъ*, въ г. Кишиневѣ.  
И. д. Старшаго Адъютанта по строевой части, Подпоручикъ Василій Ильичъ *Кокота*, въ г. Кишиневѣ.  
Командиръ 1-й бригады, Генераль-Маіоръ Вадимъ Васильевичъ *Плакисъ*, въ г. Кишиневѣ.  
Командиръ 53 пѣхотнаго Волынскаго Е. И. В. Великаго Князя Николая Николаевича Старшаго полка, Полковникъ Викентій Ивановичъ *Клюковскій*, въ г. Кишиневѣ.  
Командиръ 54 пѣхотнаго Минскаго полка, Полковникъ Петръ Ивановичъ *Полонскій*, въ г. Кишиневѣ.  
Командиръ 2-й бригады, Генераль-Маіоръ Павелъ Петровичъ *Дубельтъ*, въ г. Кишиневѣ.

Page 51, Annual Calender of 1887

First half of a page is part of Religious Department lists

For Jewish religion it lists Rabbis (Crown Rabbies) in Kishinev, Khotin, Brichany, Akkermann Orgeev, Beltsy, Skulyany and Bendery.

# БЕССАРАВСКІЙ КАЛЕНДАРЬ

НА

1888.

ГОДЪ  
(високосный),



*изданный по распоряженію Губернскаго Начальства.*



ТИПОГРАФІЯ БЕССАРАВСКАГО ГУБЕРНСКАГО ПРАВЛЕНІЯ.

Title of Annual Calendar of 1888, published in Kishinev

## **Database layout.**

**Seq Nbr** – a unique sequential number assigned to a record representing a particular person for a particular year. A person might be mentioned in “Bessarabia Calendar” for a particular year on multiple pages. All information related to a particular person is combined in one record. All page references are listed.

### **Last Name**

**First Name** – First name of the person (if available).

**Gender** – “M” for male, “F” for female.

**Organization** – Name of the organization that particular person belonged to.

**Department** – Name of the department or subsidiary of the organization (if available).

**Occupation** – Occupation of the person as listed in the Calendar for that particular year. ( it may differ from year to year)

**Rank / Title** – Additional information describing Social Status (group), Education, Rank according to Russian “Table of Ranks”, Trade group association, etc. (if available).

**Gubernia** – “Bessarabia”

**Uyezd** — district; one of the eight districts of Bessarabia: Akkerman, Bendery, Izmail, Khotin, Kishinev, Orgeev, Soroki, Yassi (Later Beltsi).

### **City**

### **Year Mentioned**

**Source** – “Calendar”

**Page** – Number of the page for this particular “Bessarabia Calendar”. Multiple pages might be listed per record.

## **Statistical Information.**

Some of the Calendars contained statistical information related to the population of Gubernia with reference to Jewish population. Information that was possible for formalization and aggregation is present in relatively free format in the addendum to the database. You can see the Statistical information at Bessarabia SIG website in Current Research Projects section (30. Bessarabia Annual books, 1862-1914) and also in Bessarabian Databases section.