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JewishGen Bessarabia Special Interest Group Meeting

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The meeting is open to anyone with roots or interest in the region historically known as **Bessarabia**. Part of this area now belongs to the territory of the Republic of Moldova and some parts belong to Ukraine.

At the end of the 19th century and before the Wars, Bessarabia had significant Jewish presence. The Bessarabia SIG was created at the end of 2011 to aid family genealogists with the research of their Bessarabian Jewish Ancestry.

The Bessarabia SIG also covers the area that is known as the **Transnistria Republic**, a breakaway region from the Republic of Moldova.

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Our **Bessarabia SIG Discussion group** has **900+** members from about **25** countries.

Bessarabian/Moldavian Jewish Roots Facebook Group

This group was established 5 years ago, on June 2, 2014. It has become a great dynamic addition to JewishGen Bessarabia SIG with discussions about culture, traditions, and food of Bessarabian Jews. Today the group accounts for above **2,300** members who live all around the world. The language barrier is solved easily thanks to the auto translation feature that Facebook offers to its users. Thus, group members post questions in English, Portuguese, Spanish, Hebrew, and Russian and everyone is able to understand and respond in their native language.

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Meet and Greet Bessarabia SIG Meeting attendees

1. Please introduce yourself (name and place of residence)
2. Share information about your ancestors from Bessarabia/Moldova: surnames and towns
3. Did you subscribe to Bessarabia SIG Discussion group and are you a member of the Facebook Bessarabia / Moldovan Jewish Roots Group
4. What sources of information did you use to advance your research? Have you worked with Romania (Bessarabia) database, Bessarabia SIG website, other resources?
5. What features and what information do you find the most useful and beneficial for research when it comes to JewishGen.org and Bessarabia SIG website and which ones don't present benefit in your view?
6. Suggest new projects for Bessarabia SIG
7. Share your Success story

Internet resources on Jewish Bessarabia

- Bessarabia SIG website: www.jewishgen.org/bessarabia
- Aaron Shneer Gallery: <http://picasaweb.google.com/106995678358404531836>
- Jewish News portal : www.dorledor.info (Russian)
- My town Kishinev: <http://oldchisinau.com/> (Russian)
- Centrul Istoric al Chisinaului: <http://www.monument.sit.md/> (Romanian)
- Jewish Memory: <http://www.jewishmemory.md/eng/> (English, Russian)
- All about Bessarabia: <http://www.bessarabia.ru/> (English, Russian)
- Jewish Encyclopedia: <http://www.jewishencyclopedia.com/articles/3185-bessarabia>
- Historical Maps of Moldova:
http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Category:Maps_of_the_history_of_Moldova
- Jewish Cemeteries of Kishinev and Orgeev: <http://www.pavetex.md/>
- Bessarabian Jews: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Bessarabian_Jews
- Preserving Jewish memory Centropa: <http://www.centropa.org/>
- Bessarabian Maps: <http://www.wwii-photos-maps.com/bessarabianmaps/index.html>
- Memorial: <http://www.obd-memorial.ru/html/index.html> (Russian)
- Memory Book: <http://www.nekropol.com/Holokost.htm> (Russian)

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Questions?