

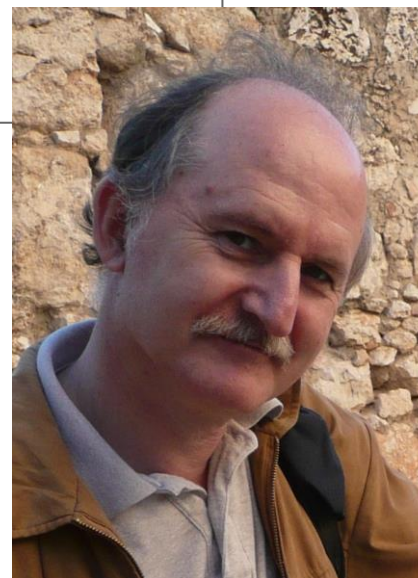


JewishGen Bessarabia Research Group Meeting

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Bessarabia Research Group Meeting

- The meeting is open to anyone with roots or interest in the region historically known as **Bessarabia**, an area now comprising the Republic of Moldova and parts of Ukraine. At the end of the 19th century and before the Wars, Bessarabia had significant Jewish presence. The Bessarabia Research Division (former SIG) was organized at the end of 2011 to help people in their Bessarabian genealogical research.
- We also include an area which is known as the **Transnistria Republic**, a breakaway region from the Republic of Moldova.

Bessarabia Research Group Meeting

- Our **Bessarabia Research Discussion group** had **932** members from about **25** countries at the beginning of 2020, now we do not know how many people at the JewishGen Discussion group related to Bessarabia.
- **Bessarabian/Moldavian Jewish Roots** Facebook Group was established on June 2, 2014. It has become a great dynamic addition to JewishGen Bessarabia group with discussions about culture, traditions, and food of Bessarabian Jews. Today the group accounts for **2,554** 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.






Bessarabia Research Meeting


Bessarabian/Moldavian Jewish Roots Facebook Group

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 **Private**
Only members can see who's in the group and what they post.

 **Visible**
Anyone can find this group.

Bessarabian/Moldavian Jewish Roots Facebook Group

To join that facebook group, you need to answer two questions:

- Why would you like to join this group?
- What are the family names and towns you are researching?

Everybody who has connection with Bessarabia/Moldova is going to become part of the group. If you are not answering these questions, your request to join the group is going to be declined.

Progress report. Projects completed from August 2020 to July 2021

1. Bessarabia Cemetery Projects

- **Kishinev Jewish Cemetery**, Sector 1, added 3,266 with 2,910 images. We have total of 8,851 burial records with 7,889 images. Sector 6 photographing completed, and indexing started. Sector 3 photographing partially done.
- **Tiraspol Jewish Cemetery** – started another phase of the project – clearing paths to be able to get to every grave to photograph and index them.
- **Teleneshty New and Old cemeteries**. There are a number of photos to process and re-organize better these two cemeteries. Unfortunately, no development in this project.

Plan for 2021-2022

1. Bessarabia Cemetery projects

Do more work at

- **Kishinev Jewish Cemetery**, complete Sector 6 and 3, and also photograph 7, 8 and 9 or at least one of them
- **Beltsy Jewish Cemetery** (there are 900 graves plus a large very old section!)
- **Tiraspol Jewish Cemetery** – start Clearing paths project
- **Zguritsa Jewish Cemetery** - photographing
- **Ataki Jewish Cemetery**, Phase 2, clearing the paths and add more images and records
- **Baymaklia Jewish Cemetery**, destroyed cemetery, but we have a number of photos of fragments of graves, and also a list of 3 people who were buried there
- **Kaushany Jewish Cemetery**, destroyed cemetery. There are a number of people we know were buried in that cemetery, and that list will be submitted to JOWBR

1. Bessarabia Cemetery projects

I asked last year at the conference a question: “WHAT TO DO WITH CEMETERIES which do not exist anymore?! But we know their locations... and possible even know some people who were buried there...” Unfortunately, I did not get any responses from our members... but here is what we will do:

We will collect what ever is possible for destroyed cemeteries and will send information to JewishGen / JOWBR! It will include a list of people buried there and the Cemetery Report, as we do for every cemetery we are working on.

If you know names of your ancestors who were buried in these TWO destroyed Jewish Cemetery (from prior page) or **any other destroyed Jewish cemeteries**, please send this information to me.

Every Jewish Cemetery is a part of our Jewish culture, our Jewish history, and we should remember them and people who were buried there.

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2. Bessarabia Databases Updates

-- Vital Records

December upload:

Births, Bendery and uezd (21 shtetls) – 3012 records, 1874-1899

Births, Soroki uezd (11 shtetls) – 395 records, 1909-1910

Births, Beltsy and uezd (12 shtetls) – 770 records for 1911 and 1913

[See the list of towns, shteitle](#)

July upload:

Births, Beltsy – 351 records, 1912

Births, Bendery and uezd (13 shtetls) – 332 records, 1914, 1915

Marriages, Bendery and uezd (6 shtetls) – 108 records, 1914

Marriages, Kishinev – 378 records, 1913

Divorces, Kishinev – 45 records, 1913

[See the list of towns, shteitle](#)

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2. Bessarabia Databases Updates

-- Revision Lists

December – **12,306** records completed from **4,219** families.

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July – **9,547** records completed from **2,474** families.

[See the list of towns, shteitle](#)

Total: **243,735** Revision records

-- Jews in Public Life in Bessarabia – 74 records

-- Business Directory, 1897 - 1423 records from all Bessarabia.

-- All Kishinev, Business, 1916 - 608 records of businesses, small and large for Kishinev.

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2. Bessarabia Databases Updates

Reminder: in 2019 we added a new column to the Inventory of Revision Lists

Inventory pages can be found at the Introductory page of a particular database. For Revision Lists it is at

<https://www.jewishgen.org/databases/romania/bessarabiarevisionlists.html>

It looks like this

JewishGen.org Bessarabia Research Division: Inventory of Revision Lists							
Town	Uyezd	Year	Comments	FHL Microfilm #	# of Records	# of Families	More about the set of records: title, epilogue, signatures, etc.
Akkerman	Akkerman	1835	Merchants	#2,377,242	120	16	
Akkerman	Akkerman	1848	Additional	#2,361,561	78	12	
Akkerman	Akkerman	1852-54	Additional	#2,361,561	30	7	
Akkerman	Akkerman	1854	Merchants	#2,373,291	188	13	
Akkerman	Akkerman	1854	Middle Class	#2,373,291	2,003	259	
Akkerman	Akkerman	1867	Citizens of Moldova/ Additional	#2,373,292	6	1	
Akkerman	Akkerman	1874	Middle Class, Common List	#2,377,544	432	215	
Akkerman - villages	Akkerman	1874	Middle Class, Common List	#2,377,544	619	310	
Akkerman	Akkerman	1875	Special Alpha Men's List	#2,377,245	421	233	Akkerman1875SpecialAlphaMen
Akkerman and villages	Akkerman	1875	Special Men's List	#2,382,386	136	56	Akkerman1875SpecialMen

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2. Bessarabia Databases Updates

The New column in at the right side of the table and named:

More about the set of records: title, epilogue, signatures, etc.

Right now, there are only some of the cells entered, mostly for new sets of records. These cells have a link to a document describing the Revision List set.

Example of such document for Beltsy, 1835, Middle Class. It has Title page, first page and ending page with several signatures of Jews from the community

<https://www.jewishgen.org/bessarabia/files/databases/SetArticles/Beltsy1835MiddleClass.pdf>

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2. Bessarabia Databases Updates

Important

JewishGen signed an agreement with Family Search, and as a result we have an easy access to microfilms at Family Search.

We also have two agreements and started getting records from Moldovan and Chernovitz archives, which were not microfilmed by Family Search.

Plan for 2021-2022 and beyond

2. Bessarabia Databases Updates

New Acquisition (2021). We have received following Vital records

- Births records for

Soroki (1879-1917, not all years)

Kishinev (1919, 1920)

Beltsy (1914-1918)

Bendery (1911-1913, 1915)

- Marriages records for

Soroki (1895-1898)

Kishinev (1914-1919)

Beltsy (1911-1918)

- Deaths records for

Kishinev (1905-1918, not all years)

Beltsy (1913, 1914, 1917)

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2. Bessarabia Databases Updates

New microfilms we got with Revision Lists:

- 1808: Akkerman, Kiliya**
- 1835: Orgeev, Tuzora, Teleneshty, Kriulyany, Gansheshty, Vad Rashkov, Brichany, Lipkany, Khotin, Skulyany, Novoselitsa**
- 1835, Kishinev, (Middle Class and Merchants)**
- 1848: Skulyany, Rashkov, Markuleshty, Vertuzhany, Mereshevka, Ataki (Mogilev-Ataki), Lomachinets**
- 1850-1880, Revisions for different towns, small and big in Bessarabia**

Plan for 2021-2022 and beyond

2. Bessarabia Databases Updates

I hope to complete more Business Directories for Bessarabia in 2021-2022.

To speed up translation for Vital records and Revision Lists, we are looking for more translators from Russian to English, and from Yiddish/Hebrew to English. We may also need a translator from Romanian to English.

If you want to participate in these projects, please email Inna Vayner or Yefim Kogan

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3. Yizkor Books Translations:

Volume A of Bessarabia Yizkor Book: The Jews in Bessarabia; Between the World Wars 1914-1940 is completed, except several sections in the **Appendices**.

I strongly recommend every Bessarabia researcher to read this great book and source of genealogical information.

There is volume B to translate, and if you can translate even a section of the book, that would be great!

4. KehillaLinks websites

Unfortunately, there are no new activity...

We need a person who is going to oversee and be in charge of Bessarabia Kehila Links websites!

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5. Genealogical Conferences

Participated in 40th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy, Virtual, 10-13 August 2020. Please go to the Bessarabia group / Conferences / 40th conference site and [read our presentations \(Bessarabia connections\).](#)

We are participating in 41st IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy, Virtual, 1 – 5 August 2021.
[read our presentations \(Bessarabia connections\).](#)

After the conference, the website pages will be updated with more information and texts of presentations.

Volunteers for Bessarabia Group

Thank you very much, our volunteers!!

Cemetery projects: **Terry Lasky, Nathen Gabriel, Yefim Kogan**

Vital records: **Ariel Parkanskiy, Alla Pinsky, Genny Imas, Yoni Kupchik, Mike Glazer, Eti Ganin, Valentin Lupu, Gabor Adam, Irina Shikhova, Julia Maximova, Emilia Alexeeva, Yuriy Daylis, Yefim Kogan**

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Business directories: **Jeff Wexler, Genny Imas, Alan Levine, Yuliana Murray, Jane Rollins, Fanny Rozenblat, Tsvika Rozenblat, Bena Shklyanoy**

Jews in Public Life in Bessarabia: **Yuriy Daylis**

All Kishinev, Business, 1916: **Yuriy Daylis**

Internet resources on Jewish Bessarabia

- Bessarabia SIG website: www.jewishgen.org/bessarabia
- Jewish Cemeteries in Bessarabia/Moldova:
https://www.jewishgen.org/bessarabia/RES_ProjectList.asp?doctype=14
- Yizkor Books translation:
https://www.jewishgen.org/bessarabia/RES_ProjectList.asp?doctype=8&listtype=P
- History of Jews in Bessarabia:
https://www.jewishgen.org/bessarabia/PTM_ArtAndLnk.asp?attid=8&lkgid=3
- Jewish News portal : www.dorledor.info (Russian)
- My town Kishinev: <http://oldchisinau.com/> (Russian)
- Centrul Istoric al Chisinaului: <http://www.monument.sit.md/> (Romanian)
- 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](http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Category:Maps_of_the_history_of_Moldova)
- Bessarabian Jews: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Bessarabian_Jews
- Preserving Jewish memory Centropa: <http://www.centropa.org/>
- Memory Book: <http://www.nekropol.com/Holokost.htm> (Russian)

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- Questions?



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