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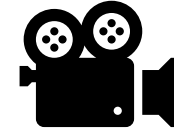
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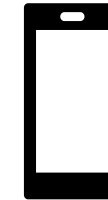
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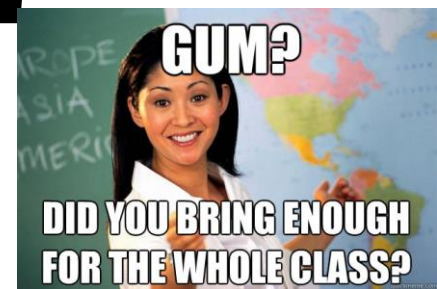


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JewishGen.org

1. Login to JewishGen (go to www.jewishgen.org) and click **Login to JewishGen** in upper right corner). *I hope that everyone is registered with JewishGen. Reason of why we need to register at JewishGen.org (JGFF).*

2. Simple Search – find all records with the Surname SRULEVICH in BessarabiaDB (*we are in JewishGen.org*)

- a. Go to Research / Country and Topical Databases / click on Romania/Moldova / click on The JewishGen Romania Database
This is Bessarabia Search page! If you did not Logged yet, please do so
- b. Type Surname you want to research – **SRULEVICH**
- c. Search Type should be “Phonetically Like” most of the time
- d. Region - choose Bessarabia
- e. Press Search the JewishGen Romania Database

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3. When there is a need to change “Search Type”?

if you search on a very popular surname, like KOGAN, ROYTMAN. In these cases, it is better to do several searches for different possible spellings: KOHEN, KOGEN, KAGAN, etc.

4. When to use also Given name or other data elements? *This is “Advanced Database Search” and only available for contributors to JewishGen of \$100.*

5. You can use also “Search All Records”. *Try it for any name you are researching! Please ask questions.*

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6. JewishGen Community database, find a town – Izmail, Bessarabia. *You can see many different names of that town. Many of them sound similar, but there is an old name Tuchkov*

7. Find all records for town of Izmail, Bessarabia

You should receive almost 15,000 records! If you do a search for Tuchkov, you find another 2,201 records!

8. Advance Search – find records in Lithuania DB for Jews who lived in Kishinev. *Go to JewishGen Lithuania database, change “Surname” to “Any field”, and for that write “Kishinev”. Do a search for all Lithuania database.*

You should get 616 records.

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9. Burial Registry (JOWBR). *First, you should know what cemeteries were indexed and photographed, and cemeteries we did not do yet. For that go to Research / click on Burial Registry (JOWBR). Click on Content of the Database.*

Keep in mind you could find Bessarabia records here in two different countries (the list is by current countries!)

10. Search in JOWBR for Surname Spivak in Bessarabia. *You should see 6 Burial records. If you click on Full Burial record, you will see in many cases a photo of the tombstone.*

Keep in mind that BEFORE 1940 most of the tombstone inscriptions did not have Surnames!! You need to search by First name, possible father's name, and year of death.

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11. KehilaLinks websites. You can find a list of websites for towns in Bessarabia at the JewishGen or Bessarabia SIG website.

From Bessarabia SIG website – Towns and Districts / click on KehilaLinks

These sites have great information about places, people, events. Please explore them and contribute to the sites. Your information, stories, photos are very valuable for these websites. Please send them to Webmasters or/and to me... and information will end up at the Kehilla website or at Bessarabia SIG website.

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Bessarabia SIG Website www.jewishgen.org/bessarabia

*The site has information about **towns/shteitlakh**, some databases, which are not part of main JewishGen databases, a lot of **photographs, memoirs, family trees, etc.** I suggest explore the whole site at your own.*

Explore Bessarabia Geographical Dictionary – list of towns and shteitlakh Jews used to live or/and had business... find it at Bessarabia SIG website – History and Geography / click on Bessarabia Geographical Dictionary. It includes almost 800 towns, shteitlakh, villages.

Find information about shteitl Kaushany (not recent name).

Explore section People and Culture

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Other sites

Yad Vashem <https://yvng.yadvashem.org/> - Show names database

Example: search for Kogan in town of Kaushany... and open record for Meir Kogan

Stalin's killing lists <https://stalin.memo.ru/>

Russian Genealogical forum <https://forum.j-roots.info/index.php>

Old Kishinev <http://oldchisinau.com/>

Jewish Memory <http://jewishmemory.md/en/>

many more, see resources page

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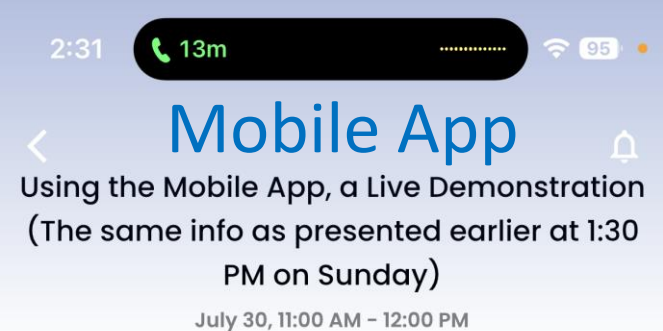
Resources

Main collection of Bessarabia Resources

<https://www.jewishgen.org/bessarabia/files/conferences/2022/BessarabianResources.pdf>

Slides and recordings from Bessarabia SIG Winter Symposium, December 2022

https://www.jewishgen.org/bessarabia/PTM_Article.asp?id=219



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