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# **Kishinev, my native town: Can we now visit Kishinev and find help in our genealogical research?**

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# Bessarabia on a map of Europe



# Kishinev, my native town: Can we now visit Kishinev and find help in our genealogical research?

- How welcoming is the country to people from the U.S. or other nations looking for information? USA – Moldova Relationship.
- Kishinev Cemeteries where Jews were buried - protection of graves/cemeteries, rules to keep up the conditions of the sites
- Moldovan State Archive – can we get any information from it?
- Overview of experiences (good and bad) of our members hiring others to do research in Kishinev
- What Jewish Organizations exist in Kishinev? Can they help us?
- Issues for visitors (how to overcome language barriers, accessibility/cost of translators, antisemitism, etc.



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- Jewish Heritage Site and Monuments in Moldova. United States Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, 2010.  
Moldova\_Report\_FINAL.pdf;  
United States-Moldova Agreement Signing 2001.pdf  
LawPL99-83 Establishing Commission

New law was signed in Republic of Moldova in 2014, and the graves which are 20+ years old, without any historical value and no one is paying annual dues, might be REMOVED!!

# Kishinev Cemeteries where Jews were buried - protection of graves/cemeteries, rules to keep up the conditions of the sites

- There are at least 3 existing cemeteries where Jews were buried and are buried now:
  - Jewish Cemetery (on Skulyanka, Milan street);
  - Doyna Cemetery, where Jews have sectors;
  - Main town cemetery (Armynaskaya street), where honored people are buried (scientists, Communist Party members, etc.).

Take care of graves in Kishinev : [www.paveltex.md](http://www.paveltex.md),  
Pavel Tuev, (Павел Тув) [pavel.tuev@gmail.com](mailto:pavel.tuev@gmail.com)

Moldovan State Archive – can we get any information from it?

It is a very hard job to get anything from Moldovan Archive:

- How I get a set of Land documents from the Archive...

# Overview of experiences (good and bad) of our members hiring others to do research in Kishinev

- Please participate...

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**At Bessarabia SIG Website, Travel section:**

**Recommendations on travel to Bessarabia** written by Gloria Green, Winter Garden, FL (added in September, 2013).



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- It is good to know Russian or Romanian to talk to people, especially officials. Younger people may know English.

# Internet resources on Jewish Bessarabia

- Bessarabia SIG website: [www.jewishgen.org/bessarabia](http://www.jewishgen.org/bessarabia)
- Aaron Shneer Gallery: <http://picasaweb.google.com/106995678358404531836>
- Jewish News portal : [www.dorledor.info](http://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](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](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?