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# Bessarabian (Moldovan) Jewish Records: What our group has translated and what's new

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#### **Duma Voters Lists, Bessarabia, 1906-07**

128,000 voters in Bessarabia, who were eligible to vote in the Russian Duma elections in 1906 and 1907. Project Coordinator: Terry Lasky.

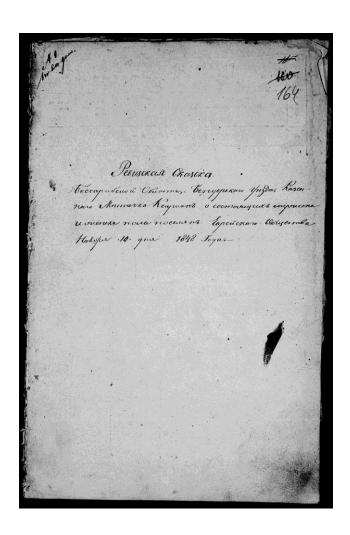
#### **Bessarabia Vital Records**

More than 160,000 Jewish birth, marriage, divorce and death records for Bessarabia – primarily for Kishinev (now Chişinău, Moldova), but also for Beltsy (Bălţi), Novoselitsa (Novoselytsia), and other places. Project Coordinator: Bob Wascou (z"l)... need a project leader to finish the project

#### **Bessarabia Revision Lists**

More than 96,000 records from *Reviskaya Skazka* — 19th century Czarist tax censuses – for many places including: Akkerman (Cetatea Albă), Alexandreny (Alexăndreni), Beltsy (Bălţi), Bendery (Tighina), Brichany (Briceni), Khotyn (Hotin), Lipkany (Lipcani), Orgeev (Orhei), and Teleneshty (Teleneşti). Project Coordinator: Yefim Kogan.

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#### Bessarabia Business Directory, 1924

More than 13,000 entries for Jewish businesses, in 705 localities in Bessarabia, from a 1924 Romanian business directory. Project Coordinator: Harvey Kabaker.

### Chişinău Commercial Directory, 1940

Nearly 1,300 apparently Jewish names among government officials, professionals and owners, listed in a 1940 Chişinău commercial yearbook. Project Coordinator: Harvey Kabaker.

### Vsia Rossiia 1895 Business Directory

1,500 Jewish businesses in Bessarabia, from this 1895 Russian business directory. Project Coordinator: Bert Lazerow.

• <u>Jewish Religious Personnel in the Russian Empire, 1853-1854</u> 281 Jewish religious personnel in Bessarabia Gubernia. Project Coordinator: Bert Lazerow.

#### Yizkor Book Necrologies

28,000 entries from lists of Holocaust martyrs in Yizkor Books for towns in Romania and Moldova. Bender (91 entries), Bricheva (726), Brichany (63), Căpreşti (329), Dubossary (631), Li pcani (713), Mărculeşti (272), Orgeyev (728), Otaci(397), and Teleneshty (443 entries).

#### JewishGen Holocaust Database

320,000 names from various datasets with information about Holocaust victims and survivors.

### Soviet Extraordinary Commission

Index to testimonials on over 60,000 Holocaust victims. (Number of Bessarabian records unknown.)

### Jewish Refugees in Tashkent

Data on 152,000 Jewish refugees from the Soviet Union who were evacuated to Tashkent and other localities in Uzbekistan, 1941-42. (Number of Bessarabian records unknown).

### Leova Holocaust Period Records

Information on 438 Jews living in Leova before the war, and 118 citizens exiled to Siberia.

### Jews Killed in 1941 in Dubossary

Records of 2,984 Jews killed in Dubossary, Moldova/Transnistria, in autumn 1941.

### JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry

For 17 cemeteries in Bessarabia – 28823 burials, 2 cemeteries in Kherson gubernia with 2541 burials.

- <u>Kamenka, Podolia Gubernia, 1913 Business Directory</u> Information on 75
  Jewish businesses
- <u>List of people who were involved in Yiddish Theater</u> 79 Jews who were born and lived in Bessarabia. From Lexicon of the Yiddish Theater. You can see photos and biographies.

• <u>Bessarabia Annual Books, 1862 – 1914.</u> It is a collection of information on Jews in Bessarabia from 1862 to 1914 who held government positions. There are 23 books available for research and translation. The information includes statistics of birth, death, marriages per year, list of Rabbis in towns and shteitlekh, list of people working in Jewish Hospitals, Jewish schools, and more. Project Translator - Yuriy Daylis.

# Bessarabian (Moldovan) Jewish Records: Jews involved in public life of Bessarabia

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## New project, started in 2015

- Tiraspol district Revision List
  - Tiraspol (1795, 1835)
  - Dubossary (1795, 1816, 1835)
  - Grigoriopol (1835, 1858),
  - Tiraspol agricultural colonies for Jews (1858)

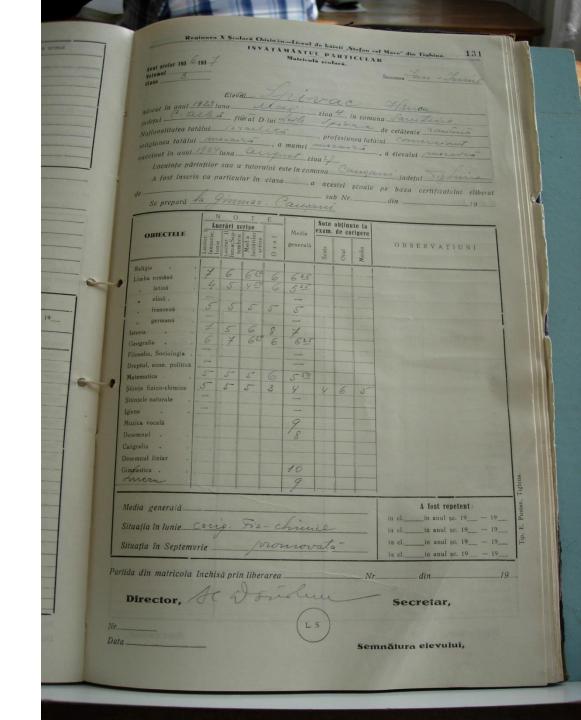
Project Leader: Inna Vayner

New records, which our group may decide to acquire and index:

- <u>Educational Records.</u> Only one project was done on them, and also privately I know that there are many such records available at the Moldovan Archives. Will show some examples.
- <u>Land Records.</u> It tells who owned what in the shteitle or town. Not sure what towns have these sets. A sample of such records going to be presented.
- <u>Permission for Travel abroad.</u> Such documents might have photos inside and personal information on all family members. (From newspapers)
- <u>Conscription lists.</u> There are such lists from 19c Russian Army and also from 1930s in the Romanian Army.

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1936-37, Kaushany, Bendery uezd, Bessarabia



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New records, which our group may decide to acquire and index:

 Voters records. In addition to Voters lists already translated, there are Voter's records from 1930s, 1940 in Romanian language.

• <u>Lists of Jewish Doctors and Jewish Teachers.</u> Lists from 19c from many towns and shteitlakh exist at the Moldovan Archive.

Records in Saint-Petersburg Archives (Russia) From Jewish Documentary Sources in Saint Petersburg Archives, S.P. 2011

- taxes, land issues, court orders, Jewish Merchants helping Russian army in 1810 (before the land officially became part of Russia)

 There are a lot of information stored in Moldovian Archive in Kishinev, in Kherson Archive (for towns of Tiraspol, Dubossary, Grigoriopol, etc.), in Mogilev-Podolskiy Archive (for towns of Rashkov, Kamenka, Rybnitsa, etc.)

# How we can do more record collecting/indexing projects?

- Need your help... without more people on board we cannot take more projects to work with
- Need Project Leaders to organized the project, work with archive, assemble translators to index records, etc.
- Need translators from Russian, Romanian and Hebrew

### Internet resources on Jewish Bessarabia

- Bessarabia SIG website: <a href="www.jewishgen.org/bessarabia">www.jewishgen.org/bessarabia</a>
- Aaron Shneer Gallery: <a href="http://picasaweb.google.com/106995678358404531836">http://picasaweb.google.com/106995678358404531836</a>
- Jewish News portal : <u>www.dorledor.info</u> (Russian)
- My town Kishinev: <a href="http://oldchisinau.com/">http://oldchisinau.com/</a> (Russian)
- Centrul Istoric al Chisinaului: <a href="http://www.monument.sit.md/">http://www.monument.sit.md/</a> (Romanian)
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- All about Bessarabia: <a href="http://www.bessarabia.ru/">http://www.bessarabia.ru/</a> (English, Russian)
- Jewish Encyclopedia: <a href="http://www.jewishencyclopedia.com/articles/3185-bessarabia">http://www.jewishencyclopedia.com/articles/3185-bessarabia</a>
- Historical Maps of Moldova: <u>http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Category:Maps of the history of Moldova</u>
- Jewish Cemeteries of Kishinev and Orgeev: <a href="http://www.pavetex.md/">http://www.pavetex.md/</a>
- Bessarabian Jews: <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Bessarabian Jews">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Bessarabian Jews</a>
- Preserving Jewish memory Centropa: <a href="http://www.centropa.org/">http://www.centropa.org/</a>
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Questions?