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Moldovan Archives:

*What information we can find
in addition to Vital records and Revision Lists*

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Vital records and Revision Lists

JewishGen Bessarabia SIG was organized in 2011. Before 2011 the only records from **National Archive of Moldova (NARM)** were **Bessarabia Vital Records**, including Birth, Marriage, Divorce, Death records. 163,000 records were translated. Also, before 2011, I found Revizskie Skazki – Revisions Lists at the **Family History Library** in Salt Lake City and we started the **Bessarabia Revision List** project. By now, we have already translated more than 180,000 records.

All of these records originated at NARM in Kishinev.

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Let's visit the National Archive of Republic of Moldova:

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The screenshot shows the website of the National Archive of Moldova (NARM). The browser window has several tabs open, including 'Bessarabia', 'KaushanyE', 'NationalAr', and 'Serviciul d'. The address bar shows 'arhiva.gov.md'. The website header features the coat of arms of Moldova and the text 'SERVICIUL DE STAT DE ARHIVĂ AL REPUBLICII MOLDOVA'. A green navigation bar contains links: 'Acasă', 'Istoricul Arhivelor', 'Publicații', 'Evenimente & Presa', and 'Contacte'. On the left, a sidebar lists 'Structura', 'Legislație', 'Institutiile subordonate', 'Institutiile monitorizate', and 'Funcții vacante'. Below this is a photo of an archive with the text 'ARHIVA NAȚIONALĂ A REPUBLICII MOLDOVA'. The main content area is titled 'Arhivele statului' and contains a quote: '“Poți ști multe lucruri. De înțeles e mai greu. Astfel spus, știm întotdeauna mai multe lucruri decât le înțelegem, mai mult, adevărul e mai greu de crezut decât minciuna de aceea, poftiți la Arhive...”'. Below the quote is a paragraph about the history of archiving. On the right, a vertical list of links includes 'Arhiva Federală din Germania', 'Arhiva Austriacă de Stat', 'Agenția de Stat a Arhivelor din Bulgaria', 'Arhivele Naționale ale Ungariei', 'Arhivele Naționale din Marea Britanie', 'Arhiva Națională a Olandei', 'Arhivele Ucrainei', 'Arhivele Naționale ale Suediei', 'Arhivele Naționale ale Finlandei', and 'Arhivele Nationale ale'.

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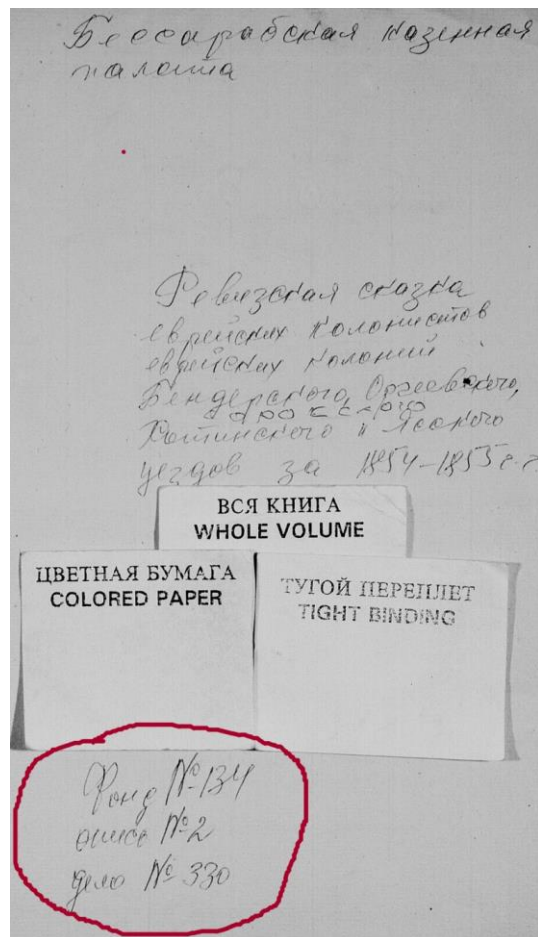
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How documents, fonds are structured and identified:

- **Фонд – Fond**, for example: Fond #134 – for all Revision lists, Jewish and non-Jewish; Fond #769 – Beltsy, Jewish society (Kahal), 1846, etc. Fond might be huge, like #134 with thousands of cases, or very small with 1-2 case.
- **Опись – Inventory** – collection of cases.
- **Дело – Case/Files**. It might be one page or several hundred pages.

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Revision list for
Jewish colonists at
Jewish colonies
Bendery, Orgeev,
Khotin and Yassy
uezd for 1854-55

Corresponding FHL Microfilm.

Bessarabian Treasury Chamber

Revision List

Fond #134, Inventory #2, Case #330

Years: 1854-1855



Fond #134

Inventory #2

Case #330

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Fonds from Archive online:

http://ru.oants.wikia.com/wiki/Национальный_архив_Республики_Молдова

Fond #2

http://ru.oants.wikia.com/wiki/%D0%A4%D0%BE%D0%BD%D0%B4_2

Inventory #6703

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-99QM-VH9J?mode=g&cc=1985804>

Some of the fonds are connected to FHL records. This is a new feature at the connection between NARM and FHL.

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Jewish records – records about individuals or Jewish institutions

There are many sources telling us about Jewish material at the Archives:

- Researchers from Moldova;
- Family Search (Salt Lake City);
- Miriam Weiner's research, book and collection;
- Internet resources

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Researchers from Moldova:

In 2012 at the Jewish Genealogical conference in Paris, Bessarabia SIG invited a guest speaker from Kishinev, Alla Chastina. One of her presentations was: Archival Documents Relating to Jewish Roots in Moldova (former Bessarabia).

You can read her presentation at Bessarabia SIG website:

<https://www.jewishgen.org/Bessarabia/files/conferences/2012/Alla%20Chastina%20Moldova.pdf>

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Researchers from Moldova:

Project “**Voice from the Past**”, is under way in Republic of Moldova, most likely, it is administered by Academy of Science. This project is similar to what was done in St. Petersburg and Moscow, where several books were published on Jewish Material in these archives. See publications below. Sample for the materials on one shteitl Kaushany:

<https://www.jewishgen.org/bessarabia/files/projects/34NationalArchiveMoldova/KaushanyExcerpt.pdf>

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NARM archive Fonds with Jewish material

There are many fonds in NARM with Jewish collections. Here are several samples of such funds:

Fond 116	Faleshty, Jewish Kahal	1842-6, file 6
Fond 200	Kishinev Jewish Hospital	1890-1920, file 228
Fond 1201	Soroki, One year Talmud-Tora	1818, file 1
Fond 768	Kagul, Society to help poor Jews	1907, file 1

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Categories of Jewish fonds

Here are some of the categories of fonds we are able to find:

Jewish census	Jews moved abroad	Jewish pogroms
Jewish schools	Jewish taxes	Synagogues
Land documents	Court documents	Interrogation documents
Jews who illegally crossed the border between USSR and Romania (1930s),		

and many more

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Family History Library (Salt Lake City) digitized millions of records in Moldova, and will go back to the Moldova Archives to copy more records. Here are a few examples what FHL is planning to get (maybe they already did it):

NEW ADDITIONS OF METRICAL BOOKS 1

fond 211/ opis 5 with 1480 files

1911-1914

Estimate 20m – 100 000 images

JEWISH CHISINAU HOSPITAL records 1

Fond 200/ 228 files

1890-1920

Estimate 3m – 15 000 images

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Miriam Weiner's Archival Material.

Miriam W. donated material on Bessarabia/Moldova to Bessarabia SIG, and after careful research of many documents she obtained during her multiple visits to Moldova, our group created a database of all records/documents related to a person or many people. In addition to our regular records, we found a number of new to us documents, which exist at NARM (National Archive of Moldova Republic). Among them I want to mention several:

List of Zionists in different towns of Moldova

Confirmation of Sale of Property

Resettlement of Bessarabia Jews form bordered by 50 miles

List of Jews in Tiraspol Ghetto, and more

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Miriam Weiner's Archival Material.

In addition to the people's database, we found Archival inventories for some of the Fonds with details of what they have.

Our goal is to combine Miriam's information with data we got from National Archive of Moldova and FHL and with translating of it to get a full list of fonds with Jewish material. For example:

Fond 1201 Soroki, One-year Jewish school "Talmud-Tora", 1918, file 1
Fond 403 List of recruited to the army, 1864-1917, 11 files, 35,000 img
Fond 153 Kishinev city register by houses, including family members, 1894-1919, 5,000 images

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Personal experience with contacting NARM

I tried to order a set of Land Documents from town of Kaushany at NARM.
It was about 10 years ago...

Here is how I got that set... <only oral story>

I hope that now, in 2018 we will get records easier....

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Publications:

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3. Genrikh Markovich Deich, Arkhivnye dokumenty po istorii evreev v Rossii v XIX–nachale XX vv: Putevoditel' / A Research Guide to Materials on the History of Russian Jewry, 19th and Early 20th Centuries in Selected Archives of the Former Soviet Union, ed. Benjamin Nathans (Moscow and Pittsburgh, 1994).
4. Alla Chastina presentation, 2013
<https://www.jewishgen.org/bessarabia/files/projects/34NationalArchiveMoldova/NationalArchiveMoldova1.pdf>
5. Archive section at the Bessarabia SIG website:
https://www.jewishgen.org/bessarabia/TPL_Base.asp?id=23
6. Miriam Weiner, *Jewish Roots in Ukraine and Moldova* (JRU&M), YIVO, 1999
<http://www.rtrfoundation.org/uk1.shtml>

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?