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Bessarabia Winter Symposium

*Thank you all who participated
in the
Bessarabia Winter Symposium!*

Thanks to all Volunteers of Bessarabia SIG

We have a terrific group of Volunteers - dedicated people who are working hard on our multiple projects.

Without Volunteers our research and progress would be very limited.

Thank you very much!

What is next for Bessarabia SIG

- **Revision Lists.** Continue translations of Revision lists. We have received another 5 microfilms from FHL in September 2022; and we will receive more.
- **Vital Records.** Complete the translations of Vital records of several towns and districts of Bessarabia records acquired 2 years ago. Start working on a new set of Vital records received in August of 2022: Beltsy and Kishinev of 1919-1921. Find records for more towns in Bessarabia/Transnistria.
- **Archives.** Finding more Jewish records at the Kishinev, Soroki, Czernovits, Kherson archives, and acquire them.

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- **Cemetery Projects.** Photograph gravestones and index of Kishinev Jewish cemetery, Kalarash Jewish cemetery, Klishkivtsy two Jewish cemeteries, Beltsy Jewish cemetery, and Vertuzheny Jewish Cemetery.
- **Clear Paths Projects** for several cemeteries. Get access to all graves previously could not be reached: Ataki, Alexandreny, Edinets, Zguritsa and others.
- **Destroyed Cemeteries.** Start working on a new initiative – collect names of Jews who were buried in DESTROYED Jewish Cemeteries.
- **Kaushany Destroyed Jewish Cemetery.** Create a list of Jews who were buried in Kaushany. Work is started already.

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- **Yizkor Books.** Initiate more Yizkor Books translations:
 - **“The Jews in Bessarabia. Between the World Wars 1914-1940”** (Tel Aviv, 1973) – book is half translated!
 - **“Upon the Land of Bessarabia; Studies, Memoirs, Articles, Documents and Essays Depicting its Image”** Tel Aviv, 1959. Not translated!
 - Many more books waiting to be translated.
- To accomplish this project, we need to find more volunteer translators from Hebrew.

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- **KehilaLinks websites.** We have KehilaLinks websites for 19 towns/shtetlakh in Moldova and 7 in Ukraine.
- For many large towns we do not have a KehilaLink website. For example: **Lipkany, Kagul, Rashkov, Vad Rashkov, Soroki, etc.**
- We need a person who will oversees all Bessarabia/Transnistria Kehila Links websites.
- Our Bessarabia/Transnistria region should have at least **100+** **KehilaLinks websites.** If anyone wants to help, please contact me.

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- **Business Directories.** Find more Business directories for Bessarabia or excerpt information from All Russia Business directories we did not have yet.
- **Expand Gallery of Famous Jews:**
 - 122 writers
 - 48 Painters, Sculptors, Architects
 - 93 Composers, Singers, Actors
 - 18 Scientists
 - 12 Religious leaders

Any volunteers to continue this work will be much appreciated!

What is next for Bessarabia SIG

- **People's stories.** I am sure that every Jewish family has a story to share. We have only 25 stories at our website. I believe it should be **250** or more.
- **Travel Reports.** We have only 10 such reports.
- **Family Trees.** Only 7 at our website.
- **Emigration from Bessarabia stories.** Only 4.

We need a **volunteer** who will publish such stories and encourage our members to send their stories, travel reports, and family trees to our website.

Thanks to all Volunteers of Bessarabia SIG

As you can see, we have many exciting projects in progress that cannot be accomplished without Volunteers.

If today I have convinced 2-3 new people to come forward to work with us on projects, our Symposium is a success for me.

**Thank you very much to all presenters at
Bessarabia Symposium
You are our Bessarabia family**

Alan Levine

Ariel Parkansky

Alan Levitt

Jeff Wexler

Anna Royzner

Alex Dunai

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Christian Herrman

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Natalia Alhazov

Natalie Dunai

Yale Strom

Sergei Daniliuk

Yuriy Daylis

Ala Gamulka

Galina Dobrynina-Kogan

Especial thanks to researchers from Ukraine!

It was our pleasure to hear people from Ukraine:

Anna Royzner

Alex Dunai

Natalie Dunai



We are with you!

Ukraine will win the war with Russia!



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Winter Symposium feedback

All sessions are recorded and will be available on our website.

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