The Jewish Cemetery of Basarabeasca,
New Section
(Jewish Agricultural colony of Romanovka, Romanenko, Bessarabka)

Before 1917 Basarabeasca was part of the Bessarabia gubernia of the Russian Empire. Now it is part of the Republic of Moldova.

Еврейское Кладбище,
Бассарабка, Молдова

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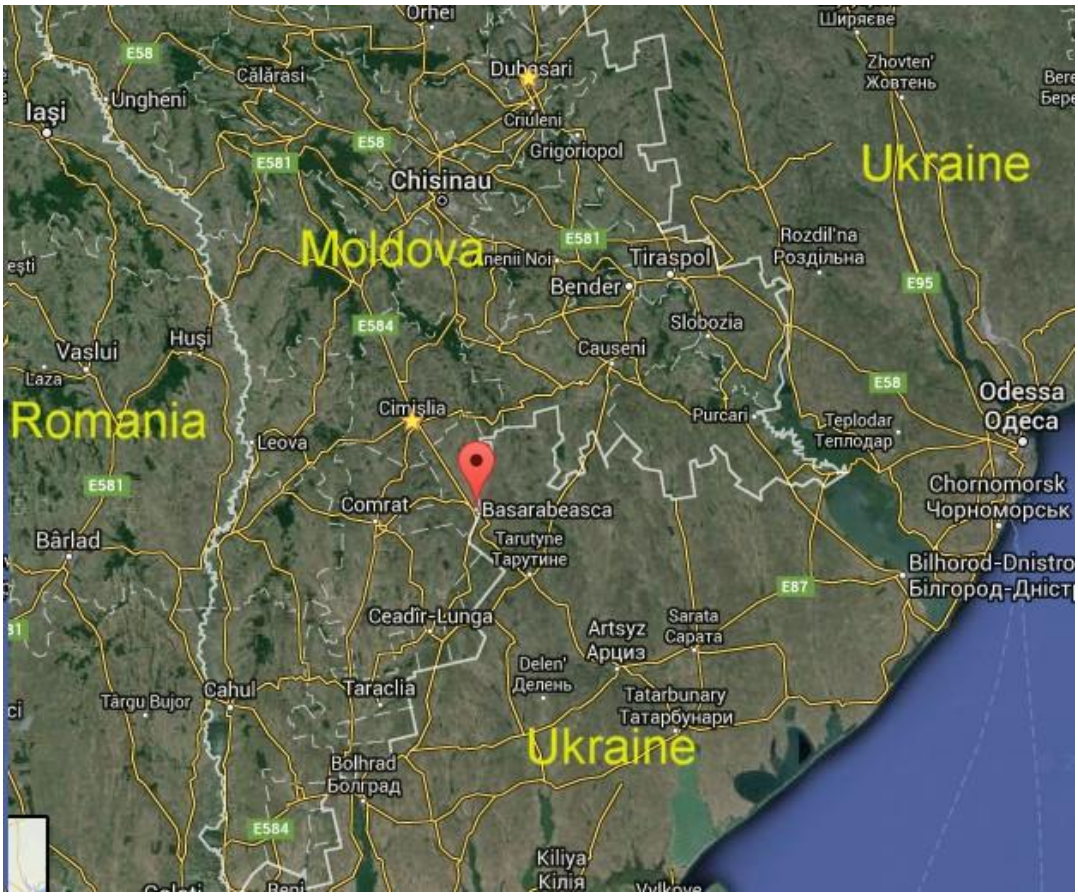
The project was started by JewishGen, Bessarabia SIG in 2015. The photography was taken by **Serghey Daniliuk**, a resident of Kaushany, Moldova who photographed many Jewish cemeteries in Bessarabia and Moldova for Bessarabia SIG

Address: the closest street is Strada De Sud. It is located on the south part of the town, about half a mile from the Ukraine border

Jewish Cemetery of Basarabeasca at the Google Map

1142 Jews lived in then Romanovka in 1897 from the total of 1622, and 1995 Jews lived there in 1930 from the total of 4696 residents. There were 50 Jewish businesses in 1924-25.

The Jewish community of Bessarabeska (Romanovka) at the JewishGen Town finder: http://data.jewishgen.org/wconnect/wc.dll?jg~jgsys~community~-2276041



Basarabeasca on the Google map of Moldova. See close by town to the South – Tarutino (Ukraine), to the East – Comrat, to the North – Chisinau (Kishinev).

According to the report "Jewish Heritage Sites and Monuments in Moldova", created by the United States Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, 2010

The cemetery occupies an area about 20,000 square meters in size, and contains up to 5,000 gravestones and a monument to the Holocaust victims. The gravestones date to the 18th century and about half of them are toppled or broken. Cleaning and restoration efforts are often carried out at the cemetery and there is a regular caretaker who maintains the site.

<The number of remaining graves is much smaller, not more than 1,000 graves, and there is no caretaker, Yefim Kogan>

Theret used to be one Jewish Cemetery in Romanovka, later called Bessarabka, Bessarabeska. There was an old very large section to the South, on the map below it is in Blue and Green. These two parts of the Old Section were divided by a rail road, probably built in late 19c or beginning of 20c. It was probably the first time when part of the cemetery was destroyed. The New section is in Yellow. There is also a section between New and Old – in Pink – that part of the cemetery was destroyed by Germans during the war (1941-1944). A local told our photographer, the Germans moved away grave stones, because they needed space for tanks and other machines to move from trains to the ground….

There are many tombstones located near the base of the rail road. See photos below.

The Bessarabeaca Jewish Cemetery project to photograph and index all the graves started in 2015.

308 records with **257** photos were sent to JOWBR. There are 61 images that you can access at [Unknown Graves at Bessarabeasca Cemetery (New section)].

Many thanks for **Maria Farber** for the work she did. Also thanks to **Nathen Gabriel** for helping in some Hebrew translations.

The gates to the cemetery

Most likely a caretaker room, near the gates

Monument to the residence of Romanovka (Basarabeasca) killed by fascists

TO THE MEMORY OF ALL THE DEAR ONES, CITIZENS WHO WERE GATHERED TOGETHER AND MURDERED DURING THE HOLOCAUST, 1941-1945, IN THE TOWN OF ROMANOVKA, MOLDOVA.

MAY THEIR MEMORY BE BLESSED.

Tamuz, 5768, ISRAEL

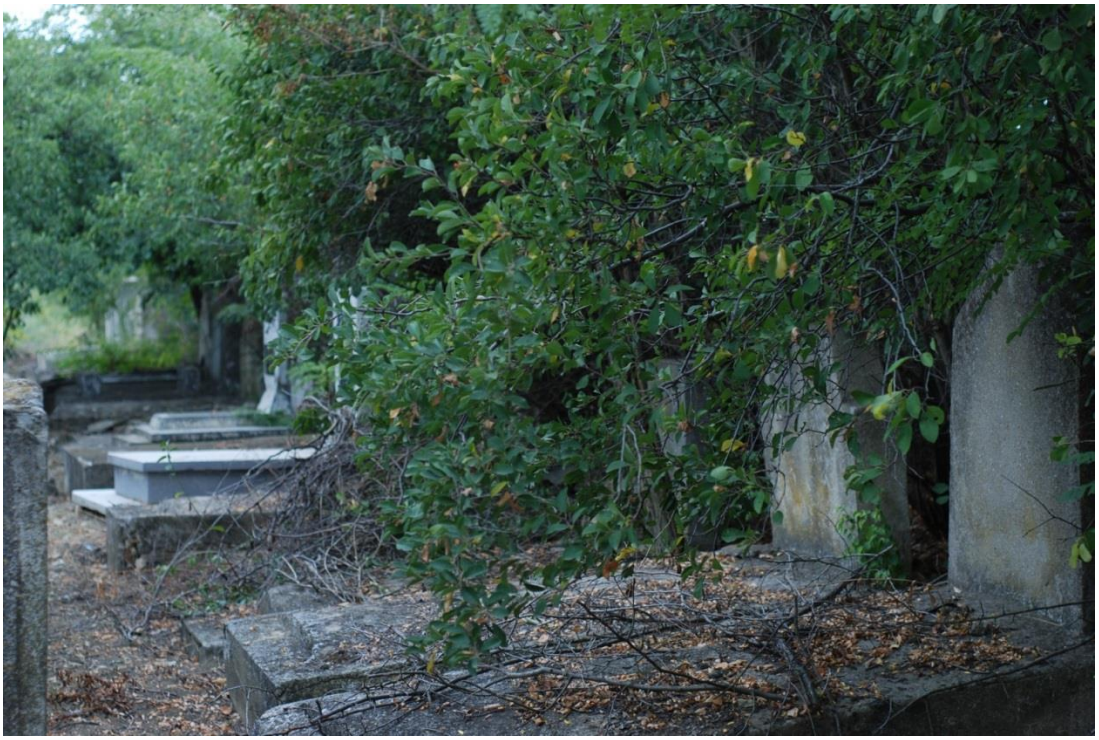
(from Hebrew translated by cantor Arieh Finklestein)

To the eternal memory of relatives citizens of town of Romanovka, Moldova, killed by fascists during the Great Patriotic War, 1941-1945. From grieving relatives, friends and neighbors

July, 2008, Israel (from Russian translated by Yefim Kogan)

Cemetery views

Part of the cemetery needs repair



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View to the village from the cemetery hill

Road to the cemetery gates