Alan Levine was born in New York and received his Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics from Stony Brook University. Somewhere along the way, he studied Russian for two years. Since 1983, he has been teaching mathematics at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, PA.

He got started researching his family in 2004. Some of his paternal grandmother's family (surname TETELMAN) came from Teleneshti and Kishinev.

In 2007, he contacted Bob Wascou (z”l) about doing some translations of vital records from Russian. After Bob's passing, he began working for Yefim Kogan and the Bessarabia SIG.

In his spare time, he conducts the choir at his synagogue (where, coincidentally, some of the Wascou family are members), plays piano and enjoys his grandchildren.

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