

## **Yefim Kogan**

### **Session: Opening of JewishGen Bessarabia Winter Symposium**

Welcome to our first **Bessarabia Winter Symposium**.

Bessarabia Special Interest Group (SIG) was established at the IAJGS Washington conference in 2011. Bessarabia SIG was established because Bessarabia Jews have a unique history and unique genealogy, different from history and genealogy of Jews in Romania, Ukraine, and other regions. At the opening session, I will describe a brief overview about geography and history of Bessarabia and Transnistria.

Year updates of our group work and progress will be presented at the opening session too. The future projects and tasks will be discussed in detail at the Closing of Bessarabia Winter Symposium on December 15.

We will have 16 sessions in three days December 13-15. First sessions will start at 10am EST. Speakers will use 30-40 minutes to present, 10-15 minutes to answers audience questions. There will be approximately 10 minutes break between sessions.

### **[Yefim Kogan bio](#)**