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## MOLDOVA: ESCAPE ROUTE

Moldova, a small country sandwiched between Romania and Ukraine, has become a safe place for many who are fleeing the war in Ukraine. It is from Moldova that flights are still leaving to Israel, Ukrainian Jews having found a route back home through Kishinev.

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## FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

This year Hanukkah, Jewish Festival of Lights, commemorating the re-dedication of the Jewish temple from 2nd Century BC, coincides with the Christian Christmas Day, the day celebrating the birth of Jesus, the Messiah.

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A family in Moldova waiting for their Aliyah.





## PAT AND GARY IN MOLDOVA

Earlier this month, our CEO **Pat Frame** and the Vice President of Ezra International, **Gary Cristofaro**, visited Moldova and encouraged Ezra's team members there, consisting of one family, Igor, his wife Alla and daughter Versavie. Whilst there, Pat and Gary met a Ukrainian refugee family desperate for Aliyah, a son and a widow of a Jew, pictured with Igor and Alla above. While waiting for their visas, the family lives in a house with utterly poor heating and electricity. Please pray for this family to get a permission to travel to Israel quickly and for their full restoration to the Jewish community in Israel!

## THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

At the end of our financial year in October, we look at our accounts and are astounded how once more God has sustained the work of Ezra UK, mainly through the small donations many of you are giving faithfully! For your big and small donations, we thank you! Please spread the news of the prophetic work of Aliyah, invite us to your small group or church to speak and subscribe to our Youtube Channel and follow us on Facebook and our new Instagram account [erzaint.uk](https://www.instagram.com/erzaint.uk)!

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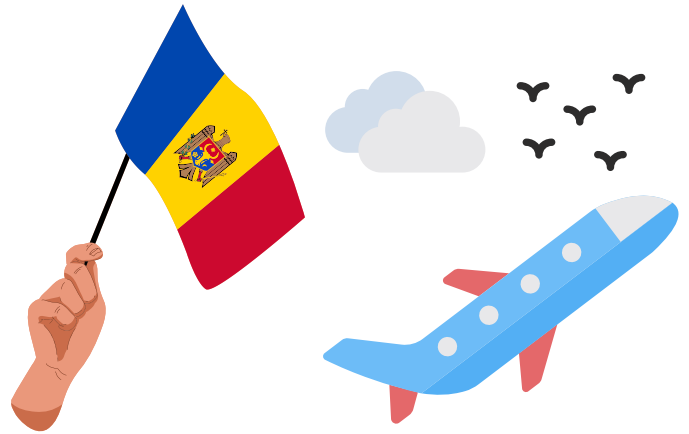
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# MOLDOVA

The majority of the Moldovan Jews live in the capital, Kishinev. Many of them are elderly and almost 80% of them report significant economic hardship. Ezra's been helping them to reach Israel since 2004.

When the Ukrainian war restarted in 2022, in the first weeks Ezra helped around 2000 Ukrainian Jews make their Aliyah through Kishinev! Now-a-days around 60 Jews leave Kishinev each month with Ezra's help.



## 350'000 Moldovan Jews dead!

The Moldovan Jewish population has known tremendous tragedy through the centuries. One of the early pogroms in the early 1900s took place in Kishinev in 1903. Hundreds of innocent people were killed and thousands left homeless. A memorial was later erected to commemorate this tragic event, pictured on earlier page. The Moldovan Jewish community suffered greatly also during the Second World War. Over 350,000 Jews perished in ghettos, concentration camps and during the deportations!

Tragedy hit again during Moldovan civil war in 1992 when thousands of Moldovan Jews were deported to Odessa, Ukraine, for safety. The country split into two regions, the Moldovan Republic and Transnistria. Today the split continues even though Transnistria is not recognised as a nation which gives additional problems for the Jewish community living there.

## 'Let there be light!'



Each night of the 8 days of Hanukkah, Jewish families light a candle, using the 9th candle in the middle of Hanukkah Menorah, remembering how God's temple in Jerusalem once more was dedicated and bore the continual light ordained in the Law of Moses. It was this temple, thus dedicated, that Jesus himself worshipped in and was brought into as a baby of 8 days old. At the first day of Creation, God said: 'Let there be light!' and this was before the sun was revealed. It tells us the true light that sustains life is not of the sun but of God Himself!