

Survey of Jewish History and Holocaust-Related Sites in Moldova
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Jewish Cemetery

The Town: Present Circumstances

1. **Present name of town in which cemetery is located:** Beltsy
2. **Address of cemetery:**
3. **Distance from larger towns or centers (specify)**

Town	Distance
Kishinev	131

4. **Present total town population:** 150 000 – 170 000
5. **Present Jewish population:** 2000 – 2 500

II. Contact people

Name	Phone	Function
Bondari Lev	+373 691 03292	Head of community

III. Location, Markers, Access, Security

6. **The cemetery location:** urban
7. **The cemetery is located:** on flat land
8. **The cemetery is:** isolated
9. **The cemetery is marked by:** no sign, but Jewish symbols on gate
10. **The cemetery is reached:** turning directly off a public road
11. **Access to the cemetery:** open to all
12. **The cemetery is surrounded by:** a broken fence
13. **The cemetery has:** a gate that locks

IV. Appearance and Condition of cemetery

14. **Present size of cemetery in square metre:** 1000000 sq.m.

15. **Approximate number of gravestones in original locations, regardless of condition:** more than 20000

16. **Approximate number of stones in cemetery, but not in original locations:** about 5000

17. **Is the location of stones that have been removed from the cemetery known?** no

18. **Vegetation overgrowth in the cemetery is:** a seasonal problem, preventing access

19. **Water drainage at the cemetery is:** a seasonal problem

V. Tombstones and Memorial Markers

20. **Is the cemetery divided into special sections:** yes

21. **Tombstones in the cemetery are datable from:** 17th century

22. **Tombstones and memorial markers are made of:**

- marble
- granite
- limestone
- sandstone
- slate
- iron

23. **The cemetery contains tombstones that are:**

- flat shaped stones
- finely smoothed and inscribed stones
- flat stones with carved relief decoration
- double tombstones
- sculpted monuments
- multi-stone monuments
- horizontally set stones with inscriptions
- obelisks

24. **The cemetery has tombstones:**

- with traces of painting on their surfaces
- with iron decorations or lettering
- with bronze decorations or lettering
- with other metallic elements
- portraits on stones
- metal fences around graves

25. Inscriptions on tombstones are in:

- Hebrew
- Yiddish
- Russian
- Romanian

26. The cemetery contains special memorial monuments to: Holocaust victims

VI. Current Use of Cemetery Site

27. The present owner of the cemetery property is: the municipality

28. The cemetery property is now used for: Jewish cemetery use only

29. Properties adjacent to cemetery are:

- commercial or industrial
- agricultural
- residential

30. Compared to 1939, the cemetery boundaries enclose: a larger area

31. The cemetery is visited: frequently

32. The cemetery is visited by:

- organized Jewish group
- private visitors (Jewish and non-Jewish)

VII. Care and Restoration of the Cemetery

33. The cemetery is known to have been vandalized: occasionally, between 1990 and 2004

34. What care has been taken of the cemetery:

- cleaning of stones
- clearing of vegetation

35. If restoration has been carried out, who has responsible for the work:

- Jewish individuals within country
- Jewish individuals abroad
- Jewish groups within country
- Jewish groups abroad
- Jewish Community

36. **If restoration work was carried out, when was it done:** every year

36 a. **If restoration work was carried out, has there since been vandalism:** yes

37. **How is the cemetery cared for now:**

- occasional clearing or cleaning by individuals
- occasional clearing or cleaning by authorities
- regular caretaker

38. **If there is a caretaker, how is he paid:**

- paid by contributions from visitors
- paid by the government

VIII. Structures

39. **Within the limits of the cemetery:** there are no structures

IX. Survey Background

40. **Name, address and telephone numbers of persons completing this survey and visiting the site:**

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X. Basis for completing the survey

41. **Was the site visited for this survey:** yes

42. b **Who visited the site :** Igor Teper

43. **Were interviews conducted for this survey:** yes