

Survey of Jewish History and Holocaust-Related Sites in Moldova
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The Jewish cemetery in Bendery

I. The Town: Present Circumstances

1. **Present name of town in which cemetery is located:** Bendery

2. **Address of cemetery:** Zagorodnaia street 42

3. **Alternate names of town:**
 in Russian: Bendery
 in Moldavian: Tighina

4. **Distance from larger towns or centers:**

City	Distance
Kishinev	65
Tiraspol	12

5. **Present total town population:** ≈ 100000

6. **Present Jewish population:** 800 – 1000

II. Contact people

Full name	Address	Phone	Functions
Reitih Anna	Druzhba str. 4, ap. 46	36284 (home). 29504 (of.)	Director of the BJC Hesed Iosef
Plotnikova Tatiana	Lenin str. 27, ap. 16	21296	Coordinator of the club programs
Gumnitsky Arnold	Suvorov str. 30	23833	Chairman of the religious community

7. **Names of town officials:**

Position / Organization	Full name	Phone	Address
Head of the State Administrations	Posudnevskii A.I.	23050	Lenin str.19

8. **Names of local government responsible for site**

Position / Organization	Full name	Phone
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The representative of Transnistrian president on religion and cults	Zoloshkov P.A.	62722 (Tiraspol)
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III. Location, Markers, Access, Security

9. **The cemetery location:** In the city
10. **The cemetery is located:** On the plain
11. **The cemetery is:** Isolated
12. **The cemetery is marked by:**
- by a sign or a memorial board in Hebrew
 - by an inscription in Hebrew on the gate
13. **The cemetery is reached:** directly on the public road
14. **Access to the cemetery:** It is allowed to all
15. **The cemetery is surrounded by:** by a continuous stonewall
16. **The cemetery has:** There is a gate, which can be locked

IV. Appearance and Condition of cemetery

17. **Present size of cemetery in square metre:** 3,5 ha
18. **Approximate number of gravestones in original locations, regardless of condition:** More than 5000
19. **Approximate number of stones in cemetery, but not in original locations:** From 100 up to 500
20. **Approximate percentage of surviving stones toppled or broken, whether or not in original locations:** More than 75 %
21. **Is the location of stones that have been removed from the cemetery known?**
No
22. **Vegetation overgrowth in the cemetery is:**
It is a constant problem, harming the tombs
23. **Water drainage at the cemetery is:**
It is good throughout the year (not a problem)

V. Tombstones and Memorial Markers

24. **Is the cemetery divided into special sections:**

Yes, (the cemetery is divided into 6 sections)

25. **Tombstones in the cemetery are datable from:**

by the year 1913

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

- marble
- granite
- limestone
- sandstone
- iron

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

- flat stones with the cut out pattern
- double gravestones
- sculptural monuments
- monuments containing many stones
- horizontal flat stones with inscriptions
- small house of *Tsadic*

28. **The cemetery has tombstones:**

- with iron ornaments or inscriptions
- with other metal elements
- with portraits on stones
- with metal fencings around of tombs

29. **Inscriptions on tombstones are in:**

- Hebrew
- Yiddish
- Russian

30. **The cemetery contains special memorial monuments to:**

to the victims of the Holocaust

VI. Current Use of Cemetery Site

31. **The present owner of the cemetery property is:** The municipality

32. **The cemetery property is now used for:** Only as the Jewish cemetery

33. **Properties adjacent to cemetery are:**

- As commercial arrears
- For dwelling houses

34. **Compared to 1939, the cemetery boundaries enclose:** a bigger area

35. **The cemetery is visited:** Often

36. **The cemetery is visited by:**

- the organized individual tours
- the individual visitors (Jews and non Jews)
- local people

VII. Care and Restoration of the Cemetery

37. **The cemetery is known to have been vandalized:**

Sometimes between the years 1993 and 2003

38. **What care has been taken of the cemetery:**

- cleaning the stones
- clearing of too much vegetation
- repairing the walls
- repairing the gate

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

- chairman of the Jewish Community, the businessman Grinfeld Ju.
- The Jewish Community

40. **If restoration work was carried out, when was it done:** in 2001

40 a **If restoration work was carried out, has there since been vandalism:**

Yes, singular events

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

it is cleaned by the constant caretaker

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

- the government
- help of Hased

VIII. Structures

43. **Within the limits of the cemetery:** There are no ritual services

IX. Survey Background

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

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X. Basis for completing the survey

45. Was the site visited for this survey: yes

45. a. If yes, give the date of the visit: December 3.2003

45. b. Who visited the site:

Full name	Address	Phone	Function
Teper Igor	Kishinev	+37369143739	coordinator

46. Were interviews conducted for this survey: Yes

XI. Recommendations

The room of prayer in the cemetery needs a complete overhaul.

XII. Comments and additional observations about the site

The chairman of the Community, businessman Grinfeld Jury Mendelevich finances the restoration works in the cemetery, and the installation of the monument to Victims of the Holocaust on the Dniester river banking.