

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:** Chimishliya
2. **Address of cemetery:** str. Zoya Kosmodemianskaya
3. **Distance from larger towns or centers (specify)**

Town	Distance
Kishinev	68
Tiraspol	91

4. **Present total town population:** 20 000 – 30 000
5. **Present Jewish population:** 10 - 20

II. Contact people

Name	Address
Ashurova Anna Viktorovna	Str. Vasile Alexandri 5, ap.8

III. Location, Markers, Access, Security

6. **The cemetery location:** urban
7. **The cemetery is located:** on a hillside
8. **The cemetery is:** isolated
9. **The cemetery is marked by:** no sign or marker
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 wall
13. **The cemetery has:** a gate that locks

IV. Appearance and Condition of cemetery

14. **Present size of cemetery in square metre:** 1000 – 2000 sq.m.

15. Approximate number of gravestones in original locations, regardless of condition: 200 – 300

16. Approximate number of stones in cemetery, but not in original locations: 20 to 100

17. Approximate percentage of surviving stones toppled or broken, whether or not in original locations: 50 % – 75 %

18. Is the location of stones that have been removed from the cemetery known?
yes

19. Vegetation overgrowth in the cemetery is:

- a seasonal problem, preventing access
- a constant problem, disturbing graves

V. Tombstones and Memorial Markers

20. Is the cemetery divided into special sections: no

21. Tombstones in the cemetery are datable from: 19h century

22. Tombstones and memorial markers are made of:

- marble
- granite
- limestone
- sandstone
- slate

23. The cemetery contains tombstones that are:

- flat shaped stones
- finely smoothed and inscribed stones
- flat stones with carved relief decoration
- obelisks

24. The cemetery has tombstones:

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

25. Inscriptions on tombstones are in:

- Hebrew

- Yiddish
- Russian

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:**

- agricultural
- residential

30. **Compared to 1939, the cemetery boundaries enclosea:** the same area

31. **The cemetery is visited:** rarely

32. **The cemetery is visited by:** private visitors

VII. Care and Restoration of the Cemetery

33. **How is the cemetery cared for now:** occasional clearing or cleaning by individuals

34. **If there is a caretaker, how is he paid:** n/a. (no caretaker)

VIII. Structures

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

IX. Survey Background

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

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X. Basis for completing the survey

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

37. a **Who visited the site :** Igor Teper

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