

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

I. The Town: Present Circumstances

1. **Present name of town in which cemetery is located:** Dubossary
2. **Address of cemetery:** the cemetery is situated on Lomonosov street
3. **Alternate names of town:**
 Russian: Dubossary
 Moldavian: Dubasari

4. Distance from larger towns or centers (specify)

Town	Distance
Kishinev	42 km
Beltsy	144 km
Tiraspol	61 km

5. Present total town population: ≈ 20000 citizens

6. Present Jewish population: 180 people

II. Contact people

Name	Address	Phone	Function
Vaks Y.Z.	st. Sovetskaya 1, ap.5	home 34175 work 33705	Chairman of Jewish Community, director of Hesed
Paereli F.L.	st. Lomonosov 49, ap.46	34676	Accountant of Hesed
Kravets L.R.	st. Lomonosov 47, ap.2	35105	Secretary of Jewish Community

7. Names of town officials:

Position	Name	Phone	Address
Chief of state administration	Finogin V.A.	work 35336	st. Dzerjinskogo 6

8. Names of local government responsible for site

Position	Name	Phone	Address
Director of Housing and	Voronov A.A.	35335	st. Kosmonavtov 40

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III. Location, Markers, Access, Security

- 9. The cemetery location:** urban
- 10. The cemetery is located:** on flat land
- 11. The cemetery is:** isolated
- 12. The cemetery is marked by:** no sign, but Jewish symbols on gate
- 13. The cemetery is reached:** by turning directly off a public road
- 14. Access to the cemetery:** is open to all
- 15. The cemetery is surrounded by:** a continuous fence (wire netting)
- 16. The cemetery has:** a gate that locks

IV. Appearance and Condition of cemetery

- 17. Present size of cemetery in square metre:** 30000 s.m.
- 18. Approximate number of gravestones in original locations, regardless of condition:** 500 – 5000
- 19. Approximate number of stones in cemetery, but not in original locations:**
500 – 5000
- 20. Approximate percentage of surviving stones toppled or broken, whether or not in original locations:** 50 % – 75 %
- 21. Is the location of stones that have been removed from the cemetery known?**
not known
- 22. Vegetation overgrowth in the cemetery is:** not a problem
- 23. Water drainage at the cemetery is:** water drainage is absent

V. Tombstones and Memorial Markers

- 24. Is the cemetery divided into special sections:** yes
- 25. Tombstones in the cemetery are datable from:** second part of 19th century

26. Tombstones and memorial markers are made of:

- marble
- granite
- limestone
- sandstone

27. The cemetery contains tombstones that are:

- flat shaped stones
- finely smoothed and inscribed stones
- flat stones with carved relief decoration
- double tombstones
- horizontally set stones with Sephardic inscriptions

28. The cemetery has tombstones:

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

29. Inscriptions on tombstones are in:

- Hebrew
- Yiddish
- Russian

30. The cemetery contains special memorial monuments to:

- re-interment from old Jewish cemetery
- monument to rabbi Mendel Mabar

VI. Current Use of Cemetery Site

31. The present owner of the cemetery property is: the local Jewish community

32. The cemetery property is now used for:

- Jewish cemetery use
- animal grazing

33. Properties adjacent to cemetery are: residential

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

35. The cemetery is visited: frequently

36 The cemetery is visited by:

- organized Jewish group tours or pilgrimage groups
- private visitors (Jewish and non-Jewish)
- local residents

VII. Care and Restoration of the Cemetery

37. The cemetery is known to have been vandalized:
occasionally, between 1993 and 2003

38. What care has been taken of the cemetery:

- re-erection of stones
- cleaning of stones
- clearing of vegetation
- fixing of gate

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

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

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

Since 1993 restoration work has been carrying out every year

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

41. How is the cemetery cared for now: regular caretaker

42. If there is a caretaker, how is he paid: paid by the government

VIII. Structures

43. Within the limits of the cemetery: there are no structures

IX. Survey Background

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

Name	Address	Phone	Function
Romanenco T.S.		37888	caretaker on memorial
Pisarenco D.F.		38288	caretaker on cemetery
Vaks Y.Z.	st. Sovetskaya 1, ap.5	home 34175	Chairman of Jewish

		work 33705	Community, director of Hesed
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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: November 18, 2003

45. b Who visited the site :

Name	Phone	Function
Teper Igor	+373 691 43739	Coordinator

46. Were interviews conducted for this survey: yes

XI. Recommendations

On old part of the Jewish cemetery most of the stones are toppled (not in original places). Semion Shoihet (he is architector) made a project of restoration works of old part of the cemetery. But because of financial problem this project isn't finished.

XII. Comments and additional observations about the site

Old Jewish cemetery also was in Dubossary. During Soviet period Voluntary Organization of Assistance to the Army, Aviation and Navy was build on the territory of old Jewish cemetery. Part of remains was re-interment from the old Jewish cemetery to the new Jewish cemetery. There is re-interment of famous rabbi of Hasidim movement on the new Jewish cemetery. In 2002 a group of Hasidim came to the Dubossary, and they established a memorial plaque.

Work on restoration of the cemetery is sponsored by Jews from Dubossary who live abroad.