

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

The Town: Present Circumstances

1. **Present name of town in which cemetery is located:** Gershunovka
2. **Address of cemetery:** Gershunovka
3. **Alternate names of town:**
Yiddish: Gershunovka
Russian: Gershunovka
4. **Distance from larger towns or centers (specify)**

Town	Distance
Rybnitsa	25 km

5. **Present total town population:** under 1 000
6. **Present Jewish population:** none

II. Contact people

Name	Address	Phone	Function
Sigal S.	Ribnita, Kirov street. 137, ap. 48	2 20 07	Chairman of the Jewish Community

III. Location, Markers, Access, Security

9. **The cemetery location:** between fields and woods
10. **The cemetery is located:** on a hillside
11. **The cemetery is:** isolated
12. **The cemetery is marked by:** no sign or marker
13. **The cemetery is reached:** turning directly off a public road
14. **Access to the cemetery:** open to all
15. **The cemetery is surrounded by:** no wall or fence
16. **The cemetery has:** no gate

IV. Appearance and Condition of cemetery

30. **The cemetery contains special memorial monuments to:**
- a. Holocaust victims
 - b. pogroms victims
 - c. epidemic victims
 - d. Jewish soldiers
 - e. no special monuments

VI. Current Use of Cemetery Site

31. **The present owner of the cemetery property is:**
- a. the local Jewish community
 - b. the national Jewish community (Lithuanian Jewish Community)
 - c. the municipality
 - d. a regional or national governmental agency
 - e. private individual (s)

unknown

32. **The cemetery property is now used for:**
- a. Jewish cemetery use only
 - b. agricultural use (crops or animal grazing)
 - c. recreational use (park, playground, sports field)
 - d. industrial or commercial use
 - e. storage
 - f. waste dumping
 - g. residential
 - h. out of use Jewish Cemetery

33. **Properties adjacent to cemetery are:**
- a. recreational
 - b. commercial or industrial
 - c. agricultural
 - d. residential
 - e. other: _____

34. **Compared to 1939, the cemetery boundaries enclose:**
- a. the same area
 - b. a larger area
 - c. a smaller area
 - d. not known

- 34 a. **If the boundaries are smaller, they have been reduced as a result of:**
- a. new roads or highways
 - b. housing development
 - c. commercial or industrial development

d. agriculture

gravel-pit

35. The cemetery is visited:

- a. frequently
- b. occasionally
- c. rarely

36 The cemetery is visited by:

- a. organized Jewish group tours or pilgrimage groups
- b. organized individual tours
- c. private visitors (Jewish and non-Jewish)
- d. local residents
- e. other _____

VII. Care and Restoration of the Cemetery

37. The cemetery is known to have been vandalized:

- a. never
- b. prior to World War II
- c. during World War II
- d. never in last ten years (1981-1991)
- e. occasionally, between 1981 and 1991
- f. frequently, between 1981 and 1991

between 1945 and 1981

38. What care has been taken of the cemetery:

- a. re-erection of stones
- b. patching of broken stones
- c. cleaning of stones
- d. clearing of vegetation
- e. fixing of wall
- f. fixing of gate
- g. no maintenance
- h. other _____

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

- a. local non-Jewish residents
- b. other individuals or groups of non-Jewish origin
- c. local/municipal authorities
- d. regional/national authorities
- e. Jewish individuals within country
- f. Jewish individuals abroad
- g. Jewish groups within country
- h. Jewish groups abroad

i. Lithuanian Jewish Community

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

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

- a. yes
- b. no
- c. not known

41. How is the cemetery cared for now:

- a. not at all
- b. occasional clearing or cleaning by individuals
- c. occasional clearing or cleaning by authorities
- d. regular caretaker
- e. other _____

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

- a. not paid
- b. paid by the Jewish Congregation of _____
- c. paid by local contribution
- d. paid regularly by Jewish survivors (specify: _____)
- e. paid by contributions from visitors
- f. paid by the government
- g. other _____
- h. n/a. (no caretaker)

VIII. Structures

43. Within the limits of the cemetery:

- a. there are no structures
- b. there is a pre-burial house
- c. there is an *ohel*
- d. there is more than one *ohel*
- e. there is a well

there are other structures (specify: _____)

IX. Survey Background

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

Name	Address	Phone	Function

X. Basis for completing the survey

45. Was the site visited for this survey:

_____ yes

_____ no

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

45. b Who visited the site :

46. Were interviews conducted for this survey:

_____ yes

_____ no

IX. Recommendations

X. Comments and additional observations about the site