

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

**I. The Town: Present Circumstances**

1. **Present name of town in which cemetery is located:** Hynchesty
2. **Address of cemetery:** cemetery situated on Mira (Peace) street
3. **Alternate names of town:**  
Russian: Hynchesty  
Moldavian: Hincesti

**4. Distance from larger towns or centers (specify)**

Town	Distance
Kishinev	38 km

5. **Present total town population:** 18,000 citizens

6. **Present Jewish population:** 3 people

**II. Contact people**

Name	Address	Phone	Function
Reznik Semen	st. M.Sadovianu 11, ap.16	(373-269) 2-16-34	

**7. Names of town officials:**

Position	Name	Phone	Address
Chief of state administration	Botnari A.K.	(373-269)2-32-86	st. M. Hinku 132

**III. Location, Markers, Access, Security**

8. **The cemetery location:** urban
9. **The cemetery is located:** on a hillside
10. **The cemetery is:** isolated
11. **The cemetery is marked by:** no sign
12. **The cemetery is reached by turning directly off:** a public road

13. **Access to the cemetery:** is open to all
14. **The cemetery is surrounded by:** a continuous fence
15. **The cemetery has:** a gate that locks

#### **IV. Appearance and Condition of cemetery**

16. **Present size of cemetery in square metre:** 40, 000 sq.m.
17. **Approximate number of gravestones in original locations, regardless of condition:** 500 - 5000
18. **Approximate number of stones in cemetery, but not in original locations:**  
100 - 500
19. **Approximate percentage of surviving stones toppled or broken, whether or not in original locations:** 50 % – 75 %
20. **Is the location of stones that have been removed from the cemetery known?**  
not known
21. **Vegetation overgrowth in the cemetery is:** a constant problem, disturbing graves
22. **Water drainage at the cemetery is:** a seasonal problem.

#### **V. Tombstones and Memorial Markers**

23. **Is the cemetery divided into special sections:** no
24. **Tombstones in the cemetery are datable from:** second part of 19th century
25. **Tombstones and memorial markers are made of:**
  - marble
  - granite
  - limestone
26. **The cemetery contains tombstones that are:**
  - flat shaped stones
  - flat stones with carved relief decoration
  - horizontally set stones with inscriptions
  - sculpted monuments
  - obelisks

**27. The cemetery has tombstones:**

- with traces of painting on their surfaces
- portraits on stones
- metal fences around graves

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

- Hebrew
- Yiddish
- Russian

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

- Holocaust victims

**VI. Current Use of Cemetery Site**

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

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

**32. Properties adjacent to cemetery are:** residential

**33. Compared to 1939, the cemetery boundaries enclose:** the same area

**34. The cemetery is visited:** rare

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

- Jews former inhabitants of Hynchesty
- Individual visitors (Jews and non Jews)
- local people

**VII. Care and Restoration of the Cemetery**

**36. The cemetery is known to have been vandalized:** never

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

- repairing the broken plates
- clearing of too much vegetation

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

- Jewish individuals within country
- Jewish individuals abroad

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

39 a. **If restoration work was carried out, has there since been vandalism:** No

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

41. **If there is a caretaker, how is he paid:** donations of visitors

### VIII. Structures

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

### IX. Survey Background

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Function</b>
Reznik Semen	st. M.Sadovianu 11, ap.16	(373-269) 2-16-34	

### X. Basis for completing the survey

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

44. a **If yes, give the date of the visit:** April 2, 2004

44. b **Who visited the site:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Function</b>
Goldshmidt Efim	+(37322) 496716	Assistant of coordinator

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