

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:** Kagul
2. **Address of cemetery:** str. Karl Marx
3. **Alternate names of town:**
Moldavian: Cahul
4. **Distance from larger towns or centers (specify)**

Town	Distance
Kishinev	168

5. **Present total town population:** 40 000- 50 000
6. **Present Jewish population:** 150 - 200

II. Contact people

Name	Address	Phone	Function
Kats Vladimir Borisovich	Stefan cel Mare 37, ap. 39	25819	Head of community
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III. Location, Markers, Access, Security

7. **The cemetery location:** urban
8. **The cemetery is located:** on a hillside
9. **The cemetery is:** isolated
10. **The cemetery is marked by:** a sign or plaque in local language
11. **The cemetery is reached:** turning directly off a public road
12. **Access to the cemetery:** open to all
13. **The cemetery is surrounded by:** continuous masonry wall
14. **The cemetery has:** a gate that locks

IV. Appearance and Condition of cemetery

15. **Present size of cemetery in square metre:** about 10000 sq.m.
16. **Approximate number of gravestones in original locations, regardless of condition:** 1500 - 2000
17. **Approximate number of stones in cemetery, but not in original locations:** 20 to 100
18. **Approximate percentage of surviving stones toppled or broken, whether or not in original locations:** more than 75 %
19. **Is the location of stones that have been removed from the cemetery known?**
yes
20. **Vegetation overgrowth in the cemetery is:** a seasonal problem, preventing access
21. **Water drainage at the cemetery is:** a seasonal problem

V. Tombstones and Memorial Markers

22. **Is the cemetery divided into special sections:** no
23. **Tombstones in the cemetery are datable from:** 19h century
24. **Tombstones and memorial markers are made of:**
- marble
 - granite
 - limestone
 - sandstone
 - slate
 - iron
25. **The cemetery contains tombstones that are:**
- flat shaped stones
 - finely smoothed and inscribed stones
 - flat stones with carved relief decoration
 - double tombstones
 - sculpted monuments
 - multi-stone monuments
 - horizontally set stones with inscriptions

- obelisks

26. The cemetery has tombstones:

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

27. Inscriptions on tombstones are in:

- Hebrew
- Yiddish
- Russian

28. The cemetery contains special memorial monuments to: Holocaust victims

VI. Current Use of Cemetery Site

29. The present owner of the cemetery property is: the municipality

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

31. Properties adjacent to cemetery are:

- commercial or industrial
- residential

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

33. The cemetery is visited: frequently

34. The cemetery is visited by: private visitors

VII. Care and Restoration of the Cemetery

35. The cemetery is known to have been vandalized: occasionally, between 1993 and 2004

36. What care has been taken of the cemetery:

- cleaning of stones
- clearing of vegetation
- fixing of wall
- fixing of gate

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

Jewish Community

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

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

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

- occasional clearing or cleaning by individuals
- regular caretaker

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

VIII. Structures

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

IX. Survey Background

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

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X. Basis for completing the survey

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

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

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