

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

I. The Town: Present Circumstances

1. **Present name of town in which cemetery is located:** Kalarash
2. **Address of cemetery:** cemetery situated on Donich street
3. **Alternate names of town:**
Russian: Kalarash
Moldavian: Calarasi
4. **Distance from larger towns or centers (specify)**

Town	Distance
Kishinev	48 km

5. **Present total town population:** 18,000 citizens
6. **Present Jewish population:** 50 people

II. Contact people

Name	Address	Phone	Function
Feofilaktova S.A.	st. Biruintsa 8, ap36	(373-244) 2-20-18	Chairman of Jewish Community,

7. Names of town officials:

Position	Name	Phone	Address
Chief of state administration	Russu V.I.	(373-244)2-36-01	st. Eminesku 5

III. Location, Markers, Access, Security

8. **The cemetery location:** urban
9. **The cemetery is located:** on a hillside
19. **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 broken metallic fence

15. **The cemetery has:** At the moment there is no gate

IV. Appearance and Condition of cemetery

16. **Present size of cemetery in square metre:** 60, 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:** 25 % – 50 %

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. The cemetery is in the soil slip zone.

V. Tombstones and Memorial Markers

23. **Is the cemetery divided into special sections:** yes

24. **Tombstones in the cemetery are datable from:** second part of 19th century

25. **Tombstones and memorial markers are made of:**

- marble
- granite
- limestone
- sandstone

26. **The cemetery contains tombstones that are:**

- sculpted monuments
- obelisks
- rough stones and boulders
- polished stones with cut patterns

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: bigger area

34. The cemetery is visited: from time to time

35. The cemetery is visited by:

- private visitors (Jewish and non-Jewish)
- local residents

VII. Care and Restoration of the Cemetery

36. The cemetery is known to have been vandalized:

- between 1945 and 1993

37. What care has been taken of the cemetery:

- re-erection of stones
- clearing of 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:

Since 1999 the restoration and improvement works are being done from time to time

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:** Local people accumulate their own money

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:**

Name	Address	Phone	Function
Feofilaktova S.A.	st. Biruintsa 8, ap36	(373-244) 2-20-18	Chairman of Jewish Community,

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:** february 6, 2003

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

Name	Phone	Function
Goldshmidt Efim	+(37322) 496716	Assistant of coordinator

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

XI. Comments and additional observations about the site

The cemetery is in the soil flow zone, that was why in 70th it was closed. Buries were made in the city cemetery. Last years there still happened several buries in this cemetery.

The Golberg family had restored on their own account the monument to the victims of the Holocaust, shot in 1941 in the village Onishkany.

There are problems with the guard of the cemetery. The situation on the cemetery is reasoned by the small number the community members.