

Survey of Jewish History and Holocaust-Related Sites in Moldova
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The Jewish cemetery in Camenca

I. The Town: Present Circumstances

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

City	Distance
Kishinev	152
Ribnita	47
Tiraspol	192

4. **Present total town population:** Approximately 20000 people
5. **Present Jewish population:** Up to 30 people

II. Contact people

Name	Address	Phone	Function
Akulova R.	Ribnita, Gvardeiskaia street, ap. 43		Director of Hesed Rahel, Ribnita
Makarchiuk Larisa Vladimirovna	Camenca, Kirov street, 25	2 10 11	Pensioner, client of Hesed Rahel
Sigal S.	Ribnita, Kirov street, 137, ap. 48	2 20 07	Chairman of the Jewish Community, Ribnita

III. Location, Markers, Access, Security

6. **The cemetery location:** In the town
7. **The cemetery is located:** On the plain
8. **The cemetery is:** Isolated
9. **The cemetery is marked by:** There are no signs or other designations
10. **The cemetery is reached:** Directly on the public road

11. **Access to the cemetery:** It is allowed to all people
12. **The cemetery is surrounded by:** By a broken fence
13. **The cemetery has:** There is a gate, which cannot be locked

IV. Appearance and Condition of cemetery

14. **Real size of the cemetery in square meters:** 15000 sq.m.
15. **Approximate number of gravestones in original locations, regardless of condition:** Up to 5000
16. **Approximate number of stones in cemetery, but not in original locations:**
Up to 5000
17. **Approximate percentage of surviving stones toppled or broken, whether or not in original locations:** 50 % - 75 %
18. **Is the location of stones that have been removed from the cemetery known?**
It is impossible to say precisely
19. **Vegetation overgrowth in the cemetery is:**
It is a seasonal problem, complicating the access
20. **Water drainage at the cemetery is:** Seasonal problems

V. Tombstones and Memorial Markers

21. **Is the cemetery divided into special sections:** No
22. **Tombstones in the cemetery are datable from:**
- the 18-th century
 - the 19-th century
- (it is impossible to determine the exact date of its establishment)
23. **Tombstones and memorial markers are made of:**
- limestone
 - sandstone
 - slate
 - iron
24. **The cemetery contains tombstones that are:**
- well ground stones with inscriptions

- flat stones with the cut out patterns
- double gravestones
- horizontal plates with inscriptions

25. The cemetery has tombstones:

- with traces of pictures on their surface
- with iron ornaments or inscriptions
- with portraits on the stones
- with metal fencings around the tombs

26. Inscriptions on tombstones are in:

- Hebrew
- Yiddish
- Russian

27. The cemetery contains special memorial monuments to:

There are no special monuments

VI. Current Use of Cemetery Site

28. The present owner of the cemetery property is: The Municipality

29. The cemetery property is now used for: Only as a Jewish cemetery

30. Properties adjacent to cemetery are:

- as recreational area
- for dwelling houses
- as customs house between Transnistria and Moldova (frontier zone)

31. In comparison with the year 1939, the borders of the cemetery surround:

A bigger area

32. The cemetery is visited: From time to time

33. The cemetery is visited by: By individual visitors (Jews and non-Jews)

VII. Care and Restoration of the Cemetery

34. The cemetery is known to have been vandalized:

Sometimes between 1993 and 2003/4

35. What care has been taken of the cemetery: There is no care

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

from time to time it is cleared by ordinary people

37. **If there is a care-taker, who pays him:** There is no care-taker

VIII. Structures

38. **Within the limits of the cemetery:** There are no ritual services

IX. Survey Background

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

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X. Basis for completing the survey

40. **Was the site visited for this survey:** Yes

40. a. **If yes, give the date of the visit:** on February, 18 2004

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

Full name	Address	Phone number	Function
Teper Igor	Kishinev	+37369174616	Coordinator of the project

41. **Were interviews conducted for this survey:** Yes