

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:** Leova
2. **Address of cemetery:** str. Tankistov
3. **Distance from larger towns or centers (specify)**

Town	Distance
Kishinev	91

4. **Present total town population:** 15 000 – 20 000
5. **Present Jewish population:** under 10

III. Location, Markers, Access, Security

6. **The cemetery location:** urban
7. **The cemetery is located:** on flat land
8. **The cemetery is:** isolated
9. **The cemetery is marked by:** no sign or marker
10. **The cemetery is reached:** turning directly off a public road
11. **Access to the cemetery:** open to all
12. **The cemetery is surrounded by:** a continuous fence
13. **The cemetery has:** a gate that does not lock

IV. Appearance and Condition of cemetery

14. **Present size of cemetery in square metre:** 1500 sq.m.
15. **Approximate number of gravestones in original locations, regardless of condition:** 1000 – 2000

16. Approximate percentage of surviving stones toppled or broken, whether or not in original locations: 50 % – 75 %

17. Is the location of stones that have been removed from the cemetery known?
no

18. Vegetation overgrowth in the cemetery is: a seasonal problem, preventing access

19. Water drainage at the cemetery is: a seasonal problem

V. Tombstones and Memorial Markers

20. Is the cemetery divided into special sections: no

21. Tombstones in the cemetery are datable from:

- 17th century
- 18th century

22. Tombstones and memorial markers are made of:

- marble
- granite
- limestone
- sandstone
- slate

23. 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 inscriptions
- obelisks

24. The cemetery has tombstones:

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

- none of the above

25. Inscriptions on tombstones are in:

- Hebrew
- Yiddish
- Russian

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

VI. Current Use of Cemetery Site

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

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

29. Properties adjacent to cemetery are: commercial or industrial

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

31. The cemetery is visited: rarely

32. The cemetery is visited by: private visitors

VII. Care and Restoration of the Cemetery

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

34. What care has been taken of the cemetery: no maintenance

35. How is the cemetery cared for now: not at all

36. If there is a caretaker, how is he paid: n/a. (no caretaker)

VIII. Structures

37. Within the limits of the cemetery: there are no structures

IX. Survey Background

X. Basis for completing the survey

38. Was the site visited for this survey: yes