

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

**The Town: Present Circumstances**

1. **Present name of town in which cemetery is located:** Soroky
2. **Address of cemetery:** mountain part of the town
3. **Alternate names of town:**  
Russian: Soroky
4. **Distance from larger towns or centers (specify)**

Town	Distance
Kishinev	160
Beltsy	79
Tiraspol	235

5. **Present total town population:** about 45000 people
6. **Present Jewish population:** less than 200 Jews

**II. Contact people**

Name	Address	Phone	Function
Dorochovskiy Zahar Isakovich	Soroky, st. Tolstoy 14	(373-230) 26078	Head of Jewish Community

**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, but Jewish symbols on gate or wall (Star of David, Menorah, etc.)
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 broken masonry wall

13. **The cemetery has:** a gate that locks

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

14. **Present size of cemetery in square metre:** 1500 m. \* 1000 m. = 1500000 sq.m.

15. **Approximate number of gravestones in original locations, regardless of condition:** about 20000

16. **Approximate number of stones in cemetery, but not in original locations:** more than 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?** not known

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

20. **Water drainage at the cemetery is:** a seasonal problem

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

21. **Is the cemetery divided into special sections:** Yes, cemetery divided into 6 sections

22. **Tombstones in the cemetery are datable from:** 18th century

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

- marble
- granite
- limestone
- sandstone
- slate
- iron

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

- rough stones and boulders
- flat shaped stones
- finely smoothed and inscribed stones

- flat stones with carved relief decoration
- double tombstones
- sculpted monuments
- multi-stone monuments
- obelisks

**25. 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

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

- Hebrew
- Yiddish
- Russian
- Moldavian (Romanian)

**27. The cemetery contains special memorial monuments to:** Holocaust victims

**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:** Jewish cemetery use only

**30. Properties adjacent to cemetery are:**

- commercial or industrial
- residential

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

**32. The cemetery is visited:** frequently

**33. The cemetery is visited by:** private visitors (Jewish and non-Jewish)

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

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

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

- re-erection of stones
- cleaning of stones
- clearing of vegetation

36. **If restoration has been carried out, who has responsible for the work:**  
local Jewish Community

37. **If restoration work was carried out, when was it done:**  
restoration work is carry out permanently, 2 times in a year

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

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

- occasional clearing or cleaning by individuals
- occasional clearing or cleaning by authorities
- regular caretaker

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

### VIII. Structures

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

### IX. Survey Background

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

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### X. Basis for completing the survey

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

41. a **If yes, give the date of the visit:** 2 of June, 2004

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

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

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

### IX. Recommendations

It is necessary to rebuild wall around the cemetery