

Survey of Jewish History and Holocaust-Related Sites in Moldova
 Initiated by Stuart Saffer, JDC Country Director for Moldova and Ukraine, in 2004.
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The Jewish cemetery in Tiraspol

The Town: Present Circumstances

1. **Present name of town in which cemetery is located:** Tiraspol

2. **Alternate names of town:**

Russian: Tiraspol

English: Tiraspol

3. **Distance from larger towns or centers (specify)**

Town	Distance
Kishinev	77 km
Bendery	12
Beltsy	202

4. **Present total town population:** 180000 - 200000

5. **Present Jewish population:** ≈ 2500

II. Contact people

Name	Address	Phone	Function
Kondrashchenko A.M.	Tiraspol, Kotovskiy street 14	3 22 68 7 39 00	Director of Hesed Hana

6. **Names of town officials:**

Position	Name	Phone	Address
Head of the State Administration	Kostirko V.I.	5 06 49	3300 MD, Transnistria Tiraspol, October, 25 street, State administration

7. **Names of local government responsible for site**

Position	Name	Phone	Address
Deputy of Transnistrian president on religion and cults	Zoloshkov P.A.	6 27 35 6 27 22	

III. Location, Markers, Access, Security

8. **The cemetery location:** In the city

9. **The cemetery is located:** On the plain
10. **The cemetery is:** Separate, but near other cemeteries
11. **The cemetery is marked by:** No sign or marker
12. **The cemetery is reached:** Turning directly off a public road
13. **Access to the cemetery:** Open to all
14. **The cemetery is surrounded by:** A broken masonry wall
15. **The cemetery has:** A gate that locks

IV. Appearance and Condition of cemetery

16. **Approximate number of gravestones in original locations, regardless of condition:** ≈ 2000
17. **Approximate number of stones in cemetery, but not in original locations:** ≈ 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?**
Not known
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:** Yes, there are 5 sectors
23. **Tombstones in the cemetery are datable from:** 19h century
24. **Tombstones and memorial markers are made of:**
- marble
 - granite
 - limestone
 - sandstone
 - 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
- obelisks

26. The cemetery has tombstones:

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

27. Inscriptions on tombstones are in:

- Hebrew
- Yiddish
- Russian

28. The cemetery contains special memorial monuments to:

- victims of the Holocaust
- victims of repressions of the years 1937 – 1938.

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: as an unused Jewish Cemetery

31. Properties adjacent to cemetery are: As the city cemetery

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

33. The cemetery is visited: Occasionally

34. The cemetery is visited by: Private visitors (Jewish and non-Jewish)

VII. Care and Restoration of the Cemetery

35. The cemetery is known to have been vandalized:

Occasionally, between 1993 and 2004.

(Thus, 55 monuments have been spoiled on the eve of May, 9, 1997. 2 young persons were taken and later sent to jail for this crime.)

36. What care has been taken of the cemetery:

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

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

- local Jews
- the Jewish and not Jewish donors
- The Jewish Community
- The branch of JDC in Moldova sponsored the repair of the wall

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

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

39. How is the cemetery cared for now:

from time to time it is cleaned by the volunteers of the Jewish Community

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

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:

Name	Address	Phone	Function
Kondrashchenko A.M.	Tiraspol, Kotovskiy street 14	3 22 68 7 39 00	Director of the Hesed Hana
Kondrashchenko K.	Tiraspol, Kotovskiy street 14	3 22 68 7 39 00	Head of the Culture Center

X. Basis for completing the survey

43. Was the site visited for this survey: yes

43. a **If yes, give the date of the visit:** January, 15, 2004.

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

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

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

IX. Comments and additional observations about the site

Now the Jewish cemetery is not functioning. All the funerals are made on the city cemetery without any divisions into sections according to national and religious attributes.