

Kishinev, destroyed Jewish Cemeteries

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During long history of Kishinev there were several Jewish Cemeteries, from which only part of one of them exist now.

Jewish Cemetery on Izmail Street – XVIII century (XVII c by some sources)

This one existed in the area of recent streets Izmail and Albishiora. This cemetery disappeared in 19 century.



Here are the approximate borders of this Jewish Cemetery on a modern map.

Right now on this territory located the Romanian embassy, high-rise residential building, library, petrol station and other buildings.



Cemetery is on the map of Kishinev, 1871 (In red – modern street names).

Jewish Cemetery on Skulyanka

The cemetery was established in 18 century. By some sources 1812 is when first burials were made. There used to be about 40,000 graves in the cemetery.

In 1958, the cemetery was divided into two parts, one of which government put for the market square. In 1960 large part of the cemetery was completely destroyed. At that section was built park (currently park "Alunei"), tennis court, high-rise residential buildings. Tombstones were used as building material for the fence-preserved part of the cemetery,

and also for the fence for an Orthodox cemetery, Armenian-Catholic cemetery, military cemetery and others, as well as their cobbled alleys “Alunei” park.

Jewish Cemetery in Kishinev, in pink highlighted destroyed part of the cemetery, green - preserved:



In the existing part there are only 24,000 graves, from which writings can be recognized only for about 16,000. Address: Milano 1.



Photo from 1950. This is destroyed part of the cemetery. Park "Alunei" is built on this place.



There are many places in park "Alunei" where you can see a broken tombstone, coming from the ground.







Old Jewish Cemetery in neighborhood Ryshkani, not far from circus, on the place of a parking lot. The cemetery according to some sources was established in 17-18 century. It was complete destroyed.

Site with information about all destroyed cemeteries in Kishinev

<http://www.oldchisinau.com/cem/cemeteries.html>

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