The Jewish Cemetery of Ungheni

Before 1917 Ungheni was part of the Bessarabia gubernia of the Russian Empire. Now it is part of the Republic of Moldova.

Еврейское Кладбище, Унгены, Молдова

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The cemetery is part of the large town cemetery located on strada Alexandru cel Bun, and not far from the Prut River. View it on the Google map above.

997 Jews lived in Ungheni in 1897 from a total population of 1697. 48 Jewish businesses were in Ungheni in 1924 and 1390 Jews lived there in 1930.



Town Ungheni within the map of the Republic of Moldova. See the nearby town of Iasi, Romania, also see capital Chisinau (Kishinev) to the East, Balti - to the North.

According to the report "Jewish Heritage Sites and Monuments in Moldova", created by the United States Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, 2010, the Jewish section of the town cemetery was established in 1958, after the old Jewish cemetery in the town was closed and signs of it were demolished. It contains approximately 100 gravestones. The stones at the new cemetery are all in good condition. The cemetery has no regular caretaker, but the area is occasionally cleaned and cleared by local individuals. Vegetation overgrowth is only a seasonal problem.

In 2015 we found and indexed **347** people buried there. From that number some names were put on stones in memory of loved ones who died in the war. There are **347** records **uploaded to JOWBR** with **254** photos. The photos of seven Unknown graves can be seen at <u>Unknown</u> Graves at Ungheni cemetery.

Language of the inscriptions: mostly Russian, a small number of inscriptions are written in both languages. There is also one inscription in Romanian.

Dates: Burials in this cemetery are from 1960s. The last burial dated 2012.

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Photo from "Jewish Heritage Sites and Monuments in Moldova"



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