The Jewish Cemetery of Akkerman (Belgorod-Dnestrovskiy, Cetatea-Albă)

Before 1917 Akkerman was a district (uezd) town in Bessarabia gubernia of Russian Empire.
Now it is part of Odessa Oblast of Ukraine.

Еврейское Кладбище,
Аккерман, Украина

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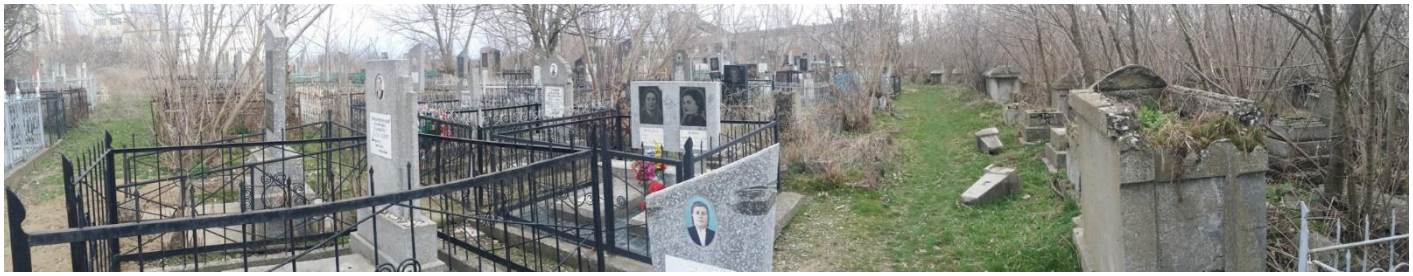

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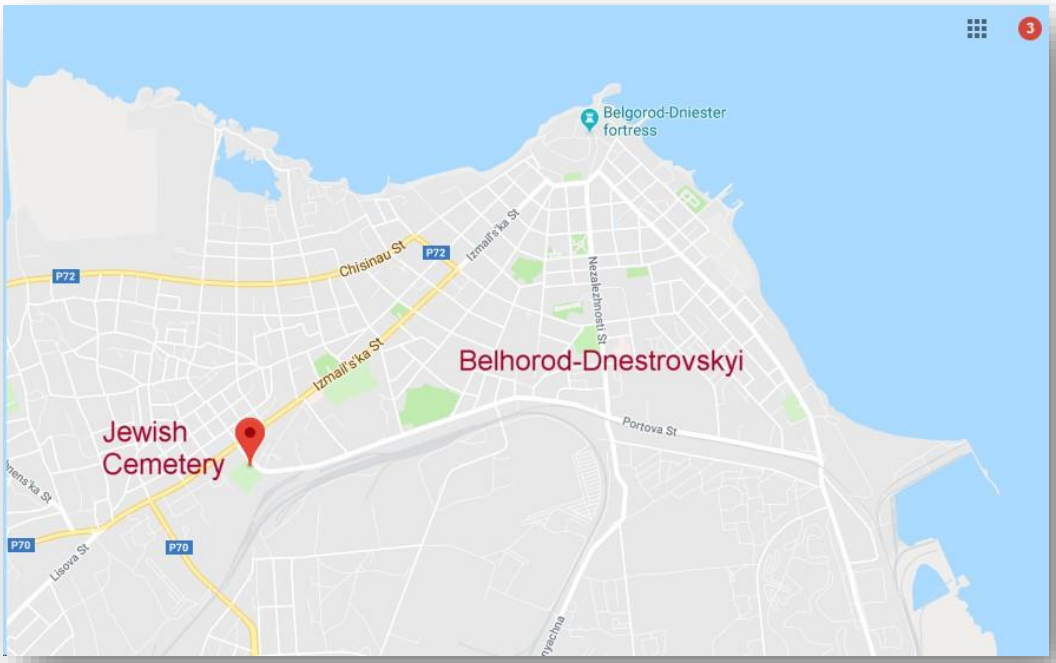
Introduction

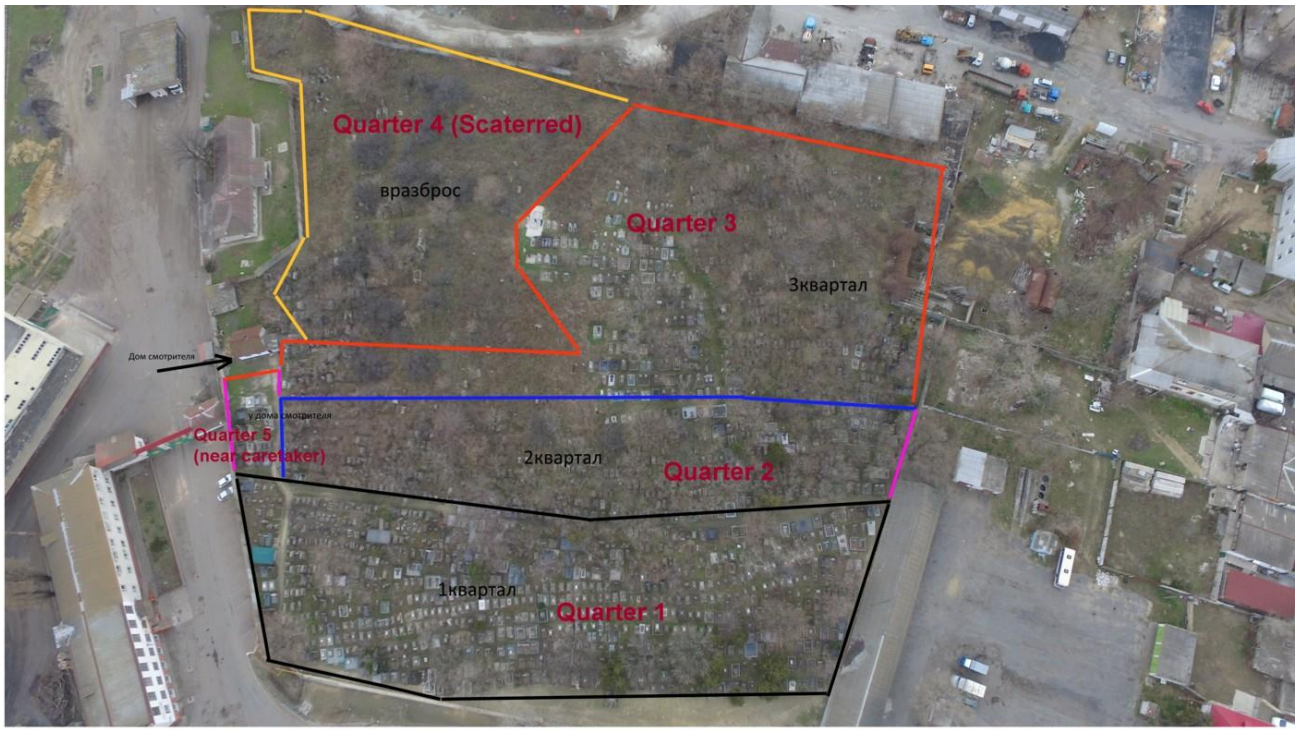
This is the report for Akkerman Cemetery project. The project was started by JewishGen, Bessarabia SIG in the middle of 2017. The tombstones were photographed by researcher and photographer **Serghey Daniliuk**, a resident of Kaushany, Moldova who photographed many Jewish cemeteries in Bessarabia and Moldova for Bessarabia SIG.

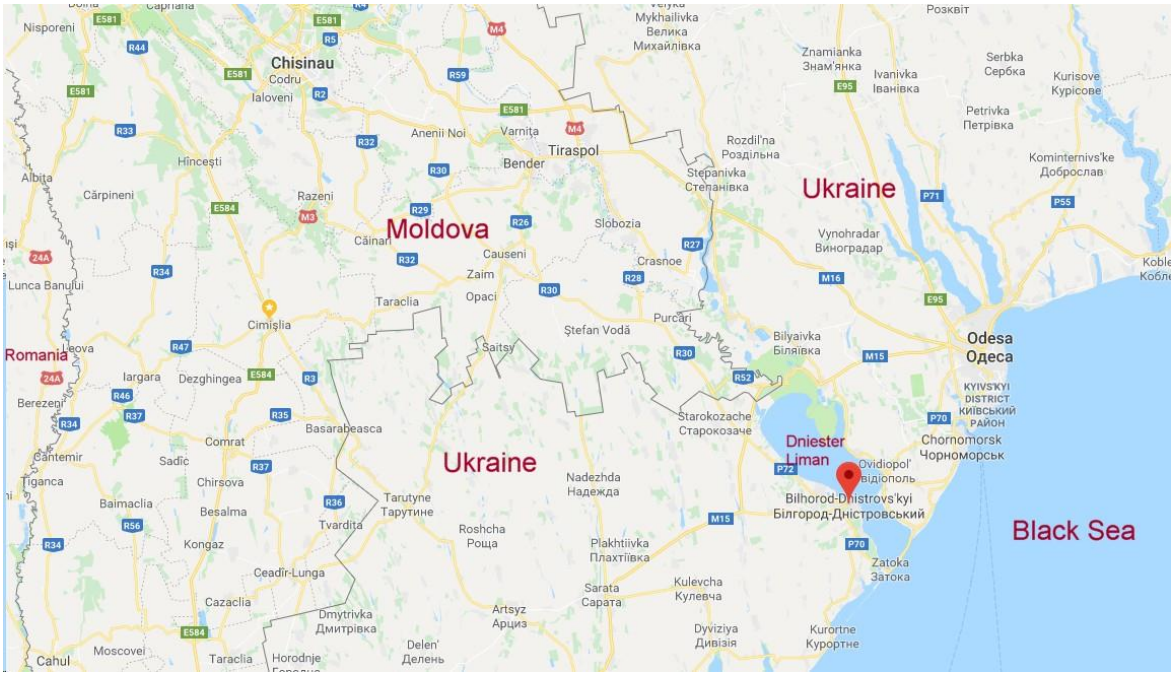
Location, address, maps

Address of the cemetery: Portova St. (вулица Портова), Bilhorod-Dnestrovskyi, Odessa oblast, Ukraine 46°11'01.6"N, 30°19'33.6"E See it on the Google maps below:



Sections of the Akkerman Jewish cemetery





Belgorod-Dnestrovskiy (Bilhorod-Dniestrovskyi, Akkerman on Google map of area of Odessa oblast and Moldova. Close towns are Odessa, 26 miles, Shabo, 5 miles, Bendery, 78 miles, Causeni, 67 miles, Izmail, 110 miles, Kiliya, 86 miles, Kishinev, 110 miles

Karaite Jews lived in Akkerman since the 16th century. Polish rabbis of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries mentioned a rabbinic court functioning in Akkerman.

In 1897, 5,613 Jews lived in the city (19.9% of the total population). 8,000 Jews lived in Akkerman in 1920 from total of 35,000 and 606 Jewish businesses were found in 1924. 1,400 Jews lived in the town in 1970, and only 200 Jews in 2001.

See more information about Jewish history of Akkerman at the KehilaLink website: https://kehilalinks.jewishgen.org/Bilhorod_Dnistrovskyy/

The cemetery project and Volunteers

The photographing of the tombstones was completed in 2017 by our researcher and photographer **Serghey Daniliuk.** The transcribing, translating, and indexing of all records was done by **Terry Lasky**, **Nathen Gabriel** and **Yefim Kogan**.

There were more than **2,000 graves** at the cemetery. From that we have **1284 burial records** with **1242 photos** of tombstones that were uploaded to **JOWBR.** Also there are **847 Unknown graves,** which can be accessed at Unknown Akkerman Cemetery graves.

Language of the inscriptions: Russian and Hebrew, about 75% of inscriptions are only in Russian.

Dates: From analyzing the date of deaths, this cemetery is relatively new. It is about 150+ years old. The oldest grave was found from **1828 (5588). There are only a few graves from that time** and most graves are from the 20th century. The last burial recorded was from **2017.**

Photos stitched together

Some graves had an additional inscription, which were photographed separately, or a photo which was fallen and photographed separately. For these, we had to stitch two photos together, like this:

DRUZ Tislya daughter of Samuil,

30-Jun-1909 - 10-Oct-1970

One of the oldest monuments

Chaye Rivka bat Shlomo

Elul 5588

(Aug/Sept 1828)

What a great inscription and engraving!

Shmuel ben Yakov

22 Tevet 5591

(Jan 7, 1831)

Moshe ben ?
Mordechai

16 Nisan
5657

(10 Apr
1887)

One of the newest graves

Polevaya Nona daughter of Tsol

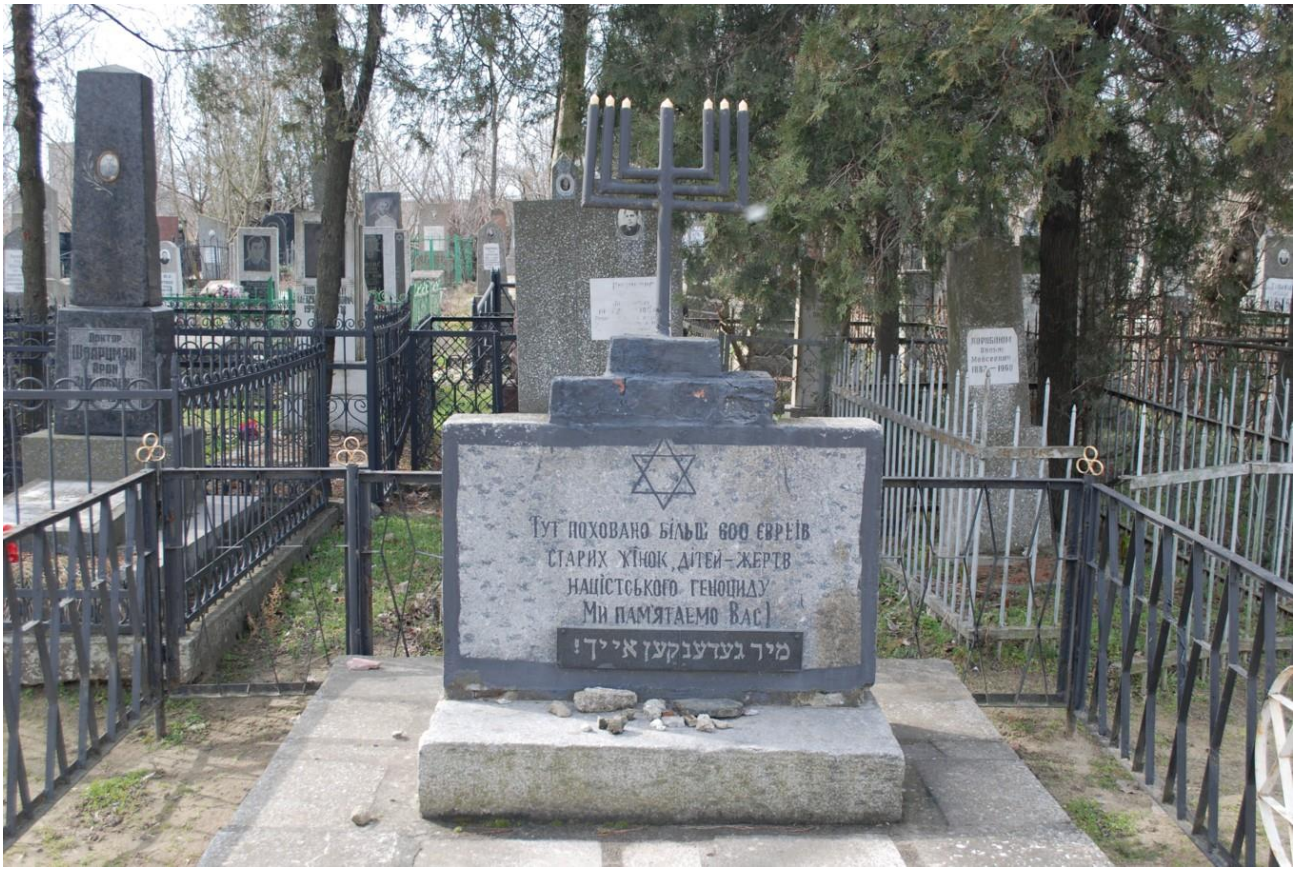
28-Jun-1976 – 19-Nov-2013

Two sides for the same monument

Kolker Filipp son of Lev

20-Jan-1930 - 16-Feb-2012

Monument to victims of Nazi genocide



Тут поховано більш 600 євреїв

Старих Жінок, Дітей – жертв

Націстського геноциду

Ми пам'ятаемо Вас!

מיר געדענקען אייך!

Here are buried more than 600 Jews!

Elders, Women, Children – victims of Nazis genocide.

We remember you!

Translated from Ukrainian, Yiddish

Grave of a teacher

Monument erected by her students

KHASH

Sabina daughter of Yakov

11-Feb-1922 - 17-Jan-2009

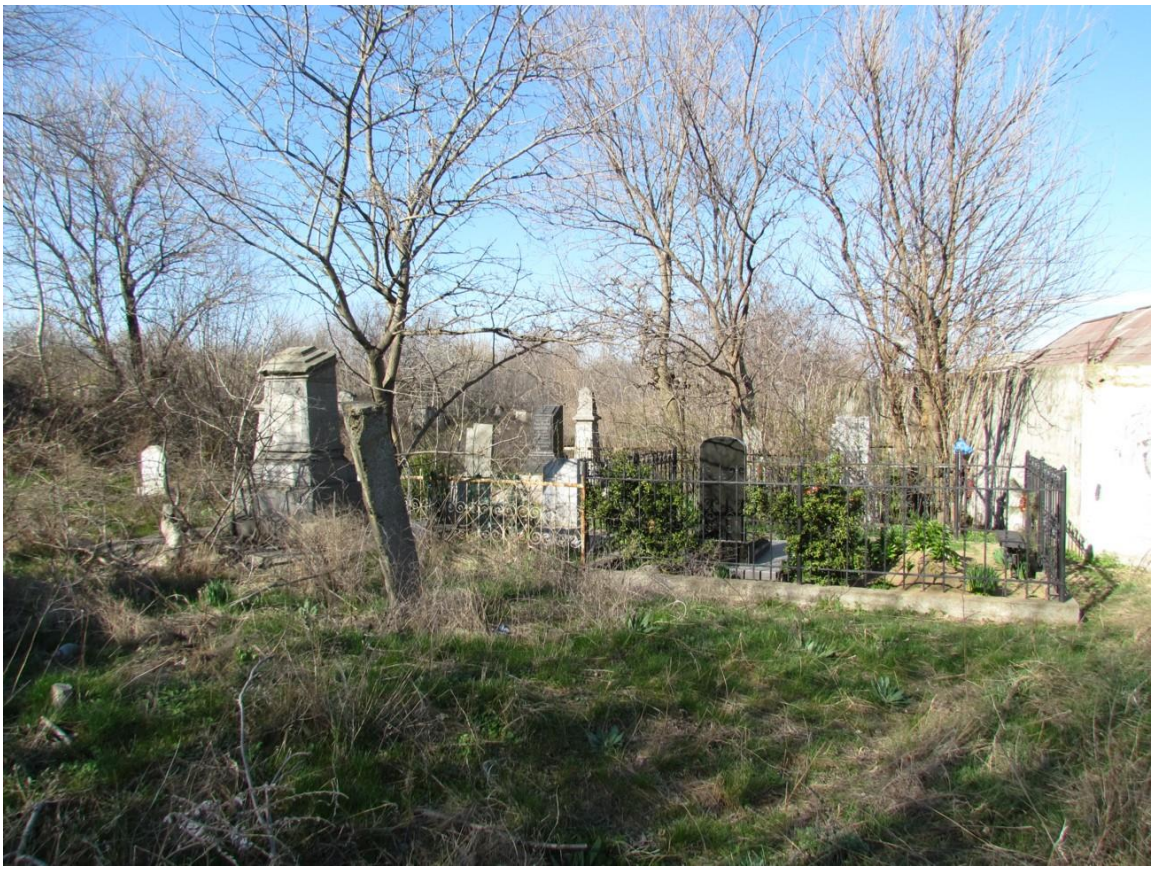
Thank you for you being!

Grateful students.

Entrance to the cemetery and walls

Gates

Wicket

Cemetery walls

Images from the cemetery