The Old Jewish Cemetery of Fălești (Faleshty)

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

Старое Еврейское Кладбище, Фалешты, Молдова

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The project was started by JewishGen, Bessarabia SIG in 2015. The photography was taken by **Serghey Daniliuk**, a resident of Kaushany, Moldova who photographed many Jewish cemeteries in Bessarabia and Moldova for Bessarabia SIG



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Old Jewish Cemetery of Falesti on the Google Map

Coordinates:

47.578611, 27.70450



Old Jewish Cemetery

4,518 Jews lived in Falesti in 1897 from a total population of 6,672. 10 Jewish businesses are found in the Klyachkin directory of 1901 and 49 Jewish businesses are found in the Business Directory of 1923-24. 3,258 Jews lived in Falesti in 1930.



Faleshti is on the Google map of Moldova.

See close by to the North-East - Belti, to the West - Romanian border, to the South - Ungheni

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 old Jewish cemetery in Faleşti is marked by a sign in Hebrew, and is surrounded by a continuous fence, which is entered through an arched gateway. The 60,000 square meters area contains up to 5,000 gravestones, nearly half of which are broken or toppled, and a monument dedicated to the victims of the Holocaust. The stones date to the 19th century. The cemetery is no longer in use and its borders were narrowed by housing construction and commercial development following the Second World War. The present area is approximately one third of its pre-War size. There is no regular caretaker, but the cemetery is occasionally cleaned by local individuals. Overgrowth remains a seasonal problem.

According to information we received from our photographer, there are about a little more than 400 grave stones, some of them are toppled down and broken.



Photo from the report

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301 burial records with 256 photographs are uploaded to JOWBR.

There are **121** Images of Unknown graves that you can access at <u>Unknown Graves at Falesti</u> <u>Old cemetery</u>.

Language of the inscriptions: inscriptions are written in Russian and in Hebrew, some are written in both languages.

Dates: Burials in this cemetery are from the beginning of 20 c and the latest is from 1999.

Comments from our photographer: the cemetery is relatively clean. The caretaker reported that some people are visiting the cemetery. All the graves were photographed, except 10-15 scattered graves to which there was no access.



There are two memorials with 36 Jews killed in the Holocaust. All names were entered to the registry with death 1941-1945.



The Gates to the cemetery.

To the left – the house of caretaker.



Tablet at the entrance to the cemetery

Created in 5692 by treasurers of the Chevra Kadisha (burial society):

> Sh. D. Katsherman Y.M. Berkovitsh

> > Faleshti, 1932



Corners of the cemetery



