

Kishinev Jewish Cemetery events

December, 2018-February 2019 **Damage done to the cemetery during cleaning process!**

February, 2019 Aerial photos

December, 2018 Cutting trees, bushes, cleaning

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October 20, 2018 Moldova President's visit to the cemetery

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Pavel Philip (*Prime Minister of Republic of Moldova*) **demanded a plan to restore the Jewish cemetery**

Prime Minister Pavel Filip called for the development of an action plan for the restoration of the Jewish cemetery in Chisinau and the construction of a Jewish cultural center, which will include several historical sites of the Jewish community.



“Considering that two thirds of the cemeteries are almost destroyed, there may be a Jewish historical cultural center, a kind of Yad Vashem. We can restore the cemetery, which can be restored, including the chapel, and there can be a museum or a memorial in the rest of the territory. And then it will be a place to honor the memory of the victims of the Holocaust, as well as to visit tourists,” said Pavel Filip, examining the site , reports moldpres.md .

The Prime Minister noted that in order to give the government the necessary powers to develop a Jewish cultural center, the cemetery should be removed from the subordination of the Chisinau Municipal Council and transferred to the submission of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Research. He also stressed the need for a feasibility study: “We need professionals who know how to do everything, save the entire history of this place, we are talking about preserving historical data. There should be a project, I think we can attract a Jewish community here for investment if there is a clear project.”

Read the article at

<https://point.md/ru/novosti/obschestvo/pavel-filip-potreboval-razrabotat-plan-po-vosstanovleniiu-evreiskogo-kladbishcha>

November 26, 2018

In Kishinev, work began on the improvement of the Jewish cemetery



Specialized equipment cuts down shrubs, clearing the place for work.

At the Jewish cemetery in Chisinau began to carry out repair work. Today, a specialized equipment was spotted there, which cut down shrubs and trees, clearing the work site.

Earlier, Prime Minister Pavel Filip asked to develop a plan for the reconstruction of this cemetery by the end of October. It is planned that a Jewish cultural center will be built here, which will include historical sites of the Jewish community, unimedia.info reports .

The current state of the cemetery is catastrophic. The initiative for its reconstruction is part of the government’s decision to create a museum of Jewish history from the Republic of Moldova in Chisinau.

The Jewish cemetery in Chisinau is a historical monument of more than 12 hectares, on which there are more than 40 thousand graves. There are graves and monuments that are about 300 years old.

Read the article at

<https://point.md/ru/novosti/obschestvo/v-kishineve-nachalis-raboty-po-blagoustroistvu-evreiskogo-kladbishcha>

Do we need to applaud the government of Republic of Moldova? Or we should be worry about it?

- Is it not too fast to start improvement work in a month after prime minister visited the cemetery? Where is the plan?
- It is winter there, and it is not a great time to start any renovations.
- Do we want to have a Jewish Center, Museum at the Jewish Cemetery??

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Serghei Daniliuk created a series of aerial photos of the whole cemetery.



To see more photos, use this link:

<https://www.jewishgen.org/Bessarabia/files/cemetery/Kishinev/KishinevJewishAerialPhotosFeb2019.asp>

Also photos from local sites:

<https://noi.md/ru/obshhestvo/kak-vyglyadit-evrejskoe-kladbishhe-v-kishineve-posle-vyrubki-video-s-drona>

Damage done to the cemetery during cleaning process!

During cleaning process, cutting trees, bushes of the Jewish cemetery in **Kishinev**, according to various estimates, from 80 to 100 tombstones suffered: trees felled on them. Among the damaged monuments are the tombstones of the Victims of the 1903 Jewish pogrom. The head of the Agency for Inspection and Restoration of Monuments, Ion Stefanita, believes that this was a justified sacrifice: according to him, if the workers tried to cut down trees otherwise, one of them would suffer. He promised that the destroyed tombstones will be restored.



See more photos of the DAMAGED tombstones at

<https://www.jewishgen.org/Bessarabia/files/cemetery/Kishinev/KishinevJewishCemeteryDamagedStonesFeb2019.asp>

From Local news sites in Moldova

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