

Kishinev Cemetery - Doyna (St. Lazar)

Address: 189 Doyna Street

MD 2001, Kishinev

Republic of Moldova

Telephone: 47.069479, 28.831193

Public Transportation (in 2014):

microbus: 127, 162, 134, 132

bus: 27, 28

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The **Doyna Cemetery** – this is how the residents of Kishinev know and refer to this cemetery. The official name is Saint Lazarus Cemetery. It is located in north-east part of Kishinev in the neighborhood of “Staraya Pochta” (Old Post office) in the region of Ryshkan or Ryshkanovka. From the west it is bordered with a park (“Valia Gyshtilor”). This is one of the largest cemeteries in East Europe with size of 200 hectares. This is a town cemetery. Most of Kishinev residents are now buried at Doyna. Entry is only through the main gate, and people can go and walk through the old entrance.

Cemetery is divided into quarters. Jews have 21 quarters at the cemetery from total of 268 quarters (as of end of 2013). Some Jewish graves are located in “mixed” quarters. Total number of Jewish graves is about 11 thousand.



Main gates

Announcement at the right side of the gate in Romanian and Russian reads: “People who have burials of their relatives at the cemetery must pay annual fee for the cemetery maintenance in 2013 of 120 ley (\$10).

General information and the photos were donated to the Bessarabia SIG by Pavel Tuev, who is a head of a company providing care for the burial places in Kishinev and Orgeev. www.pavetex.md, skype: pavel.tuev, phone: (+373 22) 768 578; email: pavel.tuev@gmail.com.

Thank you to Pavel Tuev!



Jewish Quarters were opened at the cemetery in 1977, on May 5. Below is the sign on the first Jewish grave at the cemetery (in Russian):

1977, May 5 opened Jewish Quarters at the cemetery "Doyna"

SMOLYAK, A.M.

ZELTSER, M, Ya.

Map of the Cemetery “Saint Lazar” on Doyna



There are three ‘categories’ of burials:

First category – in red (probably the ‘best’, central sites)

Second category – in white

Jewish category - in blue

See also information about the cemetery in Russian at <http://www.14888.md/ru/page/cemetery-sfant-lazar>

First project was partial indexing for the Doyna cemetery records. (December of 2013):

Number of Records indexed – 3227

The burial dates are from 1982-1988

The registry pages were donated to Bessarabia SIG by Arkadiy Verzub (native of Beltsy, Moldova).

Records were translated by Terry Lasky, second reading by Yefim Kogan.

Second project is complete with indexing and photographing graves at the Doyna cemetery of all Jewish quarters. The project is completed as of September 2014.

Number of Records indexed – 9630

Number of Photographs used - 9333

The burial dates are from 1960s to 2010

There are 10 monuments without writing, some are broken. You can see them at Bessarabia SIG website / Cemeteries

There is going to be a Third project to collect all information on Jews from Non-Jewish sectors of the Doyna Cemetery.

Below is the team who worked in the Second project:

Our thanks to all volunteers who translated from Russian, checked and double checked the records:

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In memory of the Jewish victims of fascism who died in concentration camps, those fallen on the front lines, and those missing in action during 1941- 1945

From the survivors Berman M. and A.

The grounds of the cemetery are well landscaped with one-and two-lane asphalt roads, quarterly poles and industrial water tanks. At the main entrance is the administration block of the cemetery. Here you can get information note, order and pay for services.



