The New Jewish Cemetery of Rezina

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

Новое Еврейское Кладбище, Резина, Молдова

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This project was started by JewishGen, Bessarabia SIG in 2014. All the photographs were created by Serghey Daniliuk, a resident of Kaushany, Moldova who photographed many Jewish cemeteries in Bessarabia and Moldova for Bessarabia SIG.

Address of the cemetery: 8 Matrosov Street, Rezina, Republic of Moldova. The cemetery was formed on part of an Old Town cemetery. See it on the map below:
3182 Jews lived in Rezina in 1897 from total of 3652 residents, 179 Jewish businesses were in town in 1924 and 2889 Jews lived in Rezina in 1930.

According to the report “Jewish Heritage Sites and Monuments in Moldova”, created by United States Commission for the Preservation of America’s Heritage Abroad, 2010, the New Jewish cemetery was established in late 1950s, and contains approximately 300 gravestones. The site has a regular caretaker. Regular conservation and restoration work has taken place, but because the cemetery has been vandalized several times in recent years, the local Jewish community does not have means to continue to repair the damage.

In 2015 we found only 151 burial sites, for which 3 – were without inscriptions. There are 148 records uploaded to JOWBR with 139 photos. The three unknown graves are presented below.

Language of the inscriptions: mostly Russian, a number of them are written in both languages and only one inscription is written only in Hebrew.

Dates: Burials in this cemetery are from 1960s. The last burial dated 2007.

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Cherries grow at the cemetery
Photo by Serghey Danilijuk, Moldova
There are THREE graves with missing inscriptions – **Unknown Graves**:
One of the oldest graves at the cemetery:

Avraham BIDERNIK ben Reuven haCohen

2 Tamuz 5695 - 2 July 1935

See on top the symbol of a Cohen buried - hands together with split fingers.

Most likely the monument was moved from the OLD cemetery of Rezina or from a cemetery of another town.

This cemetery was established only in 1950s.
On a number of monuments we see in addition to the person who was buried, names of fallen soldiers or Jews killed during the war. All of those names were included into the index.

KLEYNIK Zeydel son of Abram, 1886-10December-1961 (4 Tevet 5722)

Also in memory of daughter Tsilya died in 1941