The Jewish Cemetery of Jewish Agricultural colony Vertuzheny (Vertiujeni)

Before 1917 **Vertuzheny** was part of the Soroki uezd, Bessarabia gubernia of the Russian Empire. Now it is part of the Florești district, Republic of Moldova.

Еврейское Кладбище Колонии Вертужаны, Молдова

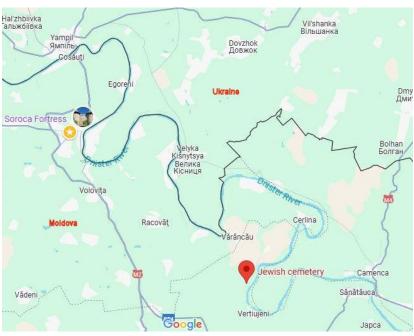
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The photographs were taken by Anna Royzner, resident of Ukraine

Address: South of Tirgul Vertiujeni, 1 km from River Dniester

Coordinates: 48°01'21.0"N 28°31'46.0"E



Jewish Cemetery of Vertuzheny on the Google Map

Other names used for this place:

Vertiujeni [Mold], Vertyuzhany [Rus], Vertujeni [Rom], Vartuzhen [Yid], Vyrtezheni, Vertyuzhani, Vyrtezhen Sat, Vârtejenii-Sat, Vertuzhen, Wertizany, Pridnestrovskoe

The agricultural settlement of Vertuzheny was found in 1838 on purchased land. 47 families had pieces of land, 27 families were without any land.

Year	Numbers	% of Jews in the population
1859	697	
1897	1,047	99
1930	1,843	91

127 Jewish businesses are found in the Business Directory of 1923-24 with total population of 2,374.

Read more about Vertuzheny at Agricultural colonies:

https://www.shtetlinks.jewishgen.org/Colonies of Ukraine/Vertyuzhanguristsa.htm

And at the Yizkor Book:

https://www.jewishgen.org/yizkor/pinkas_romania/rom2_00351a.html#:~:text=The%20settlement%20was%20founded%20in,Disiatin%20there%20was%201%20horse.

According to the report "<u>Jewish Heritage Sites and Monuments in Moldova</u>", created by the United States Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, 2010:

¹The Jewish cemetery has approximately 500 gravestones. Fewer than 25% of these are toppled or broken. The oldest gravestones date from the 18th century. The cemetery is no longer in use



and is rarely visited. There is no regular caretaker and there has been no restoration work in recent years. The vegetation overgrowth is a seasonal problem which prevents access to much of the cemetery.

Photo from the Jewish Heritage Sites and Monuments in Moldova report.

¹ As of 2024-25 there were fewer standing gravestones.

Translation of the inscriptions was done by Nathen Gabriel and Yefim Kogan.

71 burial records with 62 photographs are uploaded to JOWBR. Among them there are 12 images of Unknown graves, that you can access at <u>Unknown Graves at Vertuzheny Cemetery</u>.

Language of the inscriptions: Russian, some are written in Hebrew and Russian or only in Hebrew.

Dates: The oldest grave we have from 1914, the newest is from 1993.

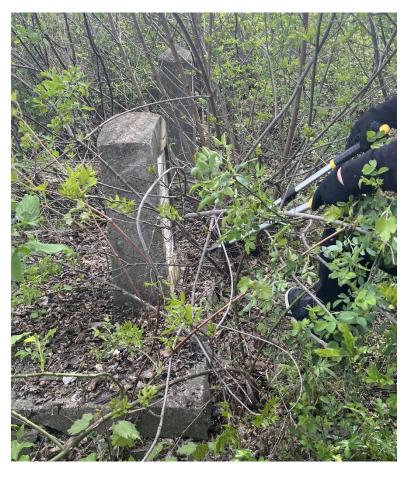
The cemetery is in a very poor condition as most of the cemeteries in Bessarabia/Moldova.

Many gravestones were broken, without any inscription.

The stone fence was destroyed, but many thanks to <u>ESJF European Jewish Cemeteries Initiative</u> the new fence and gates were installed - <u>https://www.esjf-cemeteries.org/fenced/tirgul-vertujenijewish-cemetery-2/</u>

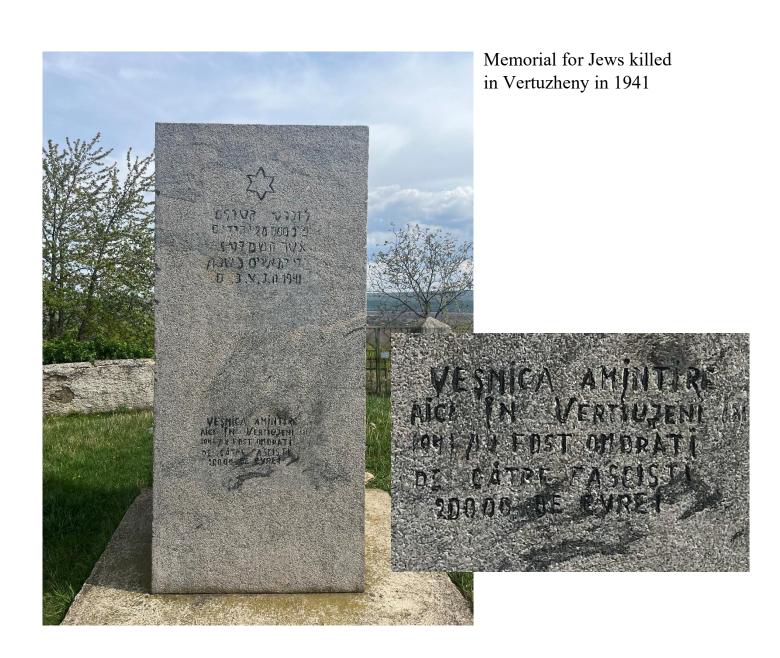


New Gates at the cemetery



Graves covered with trees and bushes





As a permanent
Remembrance
of the 20,000 Jews
killed in Vertuzheny in 1941

Oldest grave



GOLDENFELD, died March 2, 1914, 64 years old.

Died in the estate Ioshernitsa