The Jewish Cemetery of Bolhrad

Before 1917 **Bolhrad** (**Bolgrad**) was part of the Izmail uezd, Bessarabia gubernia of the Russian Empire. Now it is part of the Odessa oblast, Ukraine

Еврейское Кладбище Болграда, Одесская область, Украина

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Translation was done by members of Bessarabia SIG.

The project was started by JewishGen, Bessarabia SIG in 2017. The photographs were donated to Bessarabia SIG by **Pavel Kozlenko**, Director of Odessa Holocaust Museum, also overview photos were donated by **Alexander Butakov**, member of Bolgrad City Council.

Address: near Zavodskaya street, south part of the town



Jewish Cemetery of Bolgrad, Ukraine on the Google Map

Coordinates: 45 39'19.3"N 28 37'48.2"E 1,196 Jews lived in Bolgrad colony in 1897 from a total population of 12,300. 66 Jewish businesses are found in the Business Directory of 1923-24. 1,222 Jews lived in Bolgrad in 1930 from total population of 14,280.



Bolgrad on the Google map of Ukraine. See close by to the East – Bilhorod-Dnestorvsky, to the South – Danube river, town of Izmail, to the South-West town of Galati, Romania.

Translation of the inscriptions in Russian were done by **Janet Furba**, several Hebrew inscriptions by **Nathen Gabriel**, and the second reading by **Yefim Kogan**.

130 burial records with **120** photographs are uploaded to JOWBR. There is **2** Images of Unknown graves that you can access at <u>Unknown Graves at Bolgrad cemetery</u>. There is a large section of old graves, and most of them are Unknown. We will get more Unknown photos added later. See below several general photos of the section.

Language of the inscriptions: Russian, only 2 are written in Hebrew and a few in both languages.

Dates: Most of the burials in this cemetery are from 1950s to 1990s, and there is one from 1901 from the old section, and several from 1920s.

Old section of the cemetery (photos donated by Alexander Butakov, Bolgrad)





Among many Unknown graves one inscription was clear:

Mordekhay ben Khanina Zeev

19 Tishrei, 5661

12 October 1900



The Jewish Cemetery in Bolgrad was vandalized on April 24, 2008. The unknown vandals damaged 11 gravestones. Jewish community leaders reported the incident to the police. http://www.vosizneias.com/15408/2008/04/28/bolgrad-ukraine-vandals-strike-jewish/



Monument of Holocaust Victims





Monument is in terrible condition and needs repair. There are several tablets at the monument with the names of Jews killed in this place, but the names are not readable. After reconstruction, all the names are going to be added to the burial registry.



Cemetery overview





Corners at the cemetery





