

The Jewish Cemetery of Jewish Agricultural colony Mărculești

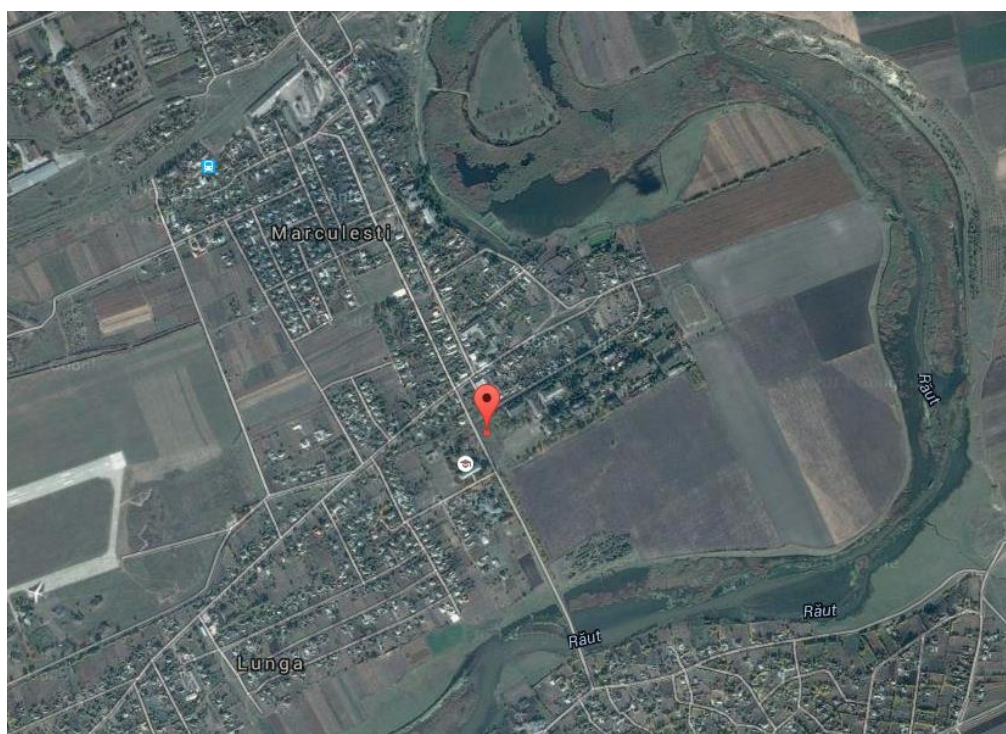
Before 1917 Mărculești was part of the Bessarabia gubernia of the Russian Empire. Now it is part of the Republic of Moldova.

Еврейское Кладбище Колонии Маркулешты, Молдова

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Translation was done by members of Bessarabia SIG.

The project was started by JewishGen, Bessarabia SIG in 2015. The photographs were taken by **Evgeniy Veretennikov** and **Serghey Daniliuk**.

Address: Cemetery is located not far from River Reut, south of Marculesti.



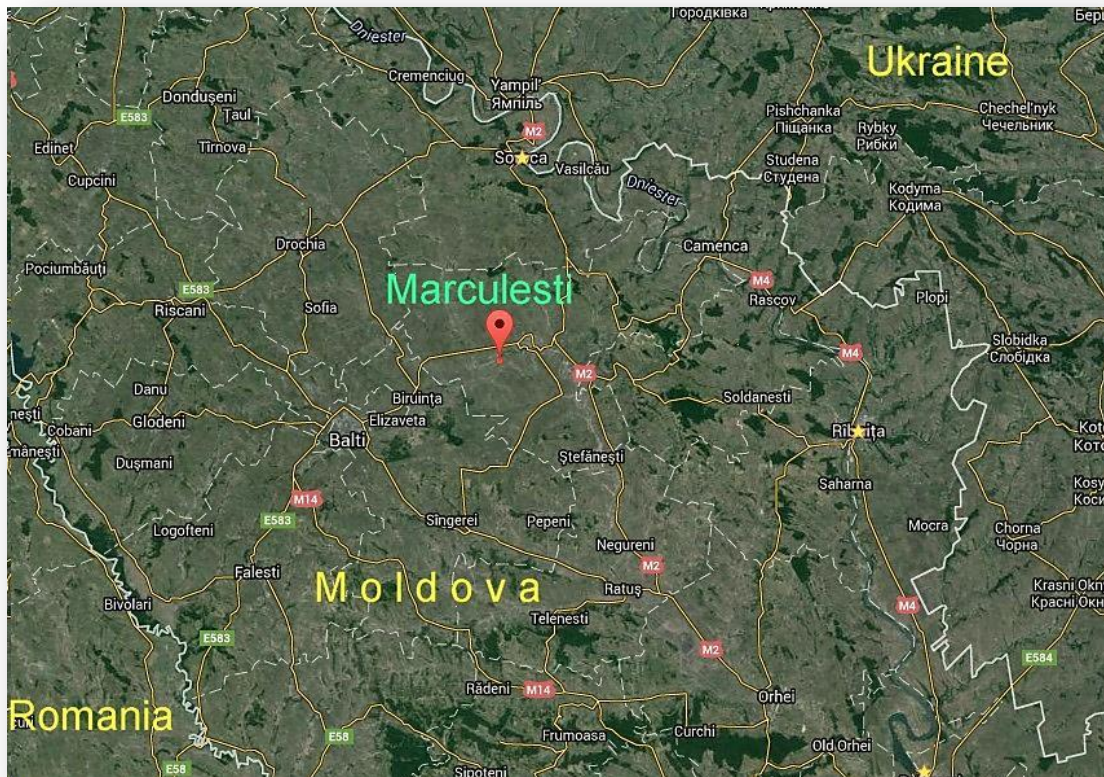
Jewish
Cemetery of
Marculesti on
the Google Map

Coordinates:

47 52'00.9"N

28 14'29.4"E

1,336 Jews lived in Marculesti in 1897 from a total population of 1,339. 211 Jewish businesses are found in the Business Directory of 1923-24. 2,337 Jews lived in Marculesti in 1930 from a total population of 2,645.



Marculesti on the Google map of Moldova. See close by to the North – Soroca, to the South East – Balti.

According to the report “[Jewish Heritage Sites and Monuments in Moldova](#)”, created by the United States Commission for the Preservation of America’s Heritage Abroad, 2010:

The 5,000 square meter area of the Jewish cemetery in Markuleshti is surrounded by a broken masonry wall. The cemetery contains more than 1,500 stones which date from the 18th century. The site has been neglected, however, and more than 75% of the stones are broken or toppled. The cemetery is rarely visited and there is no regular caretaker. The area is overgrown and the site has had some vandalism in recent years.

Translation of the inscriptions was started by **Guy Haber**, **Yefim Kogan**, and the most difficult Hebrew writings were done by **Nathen Gabriel**.



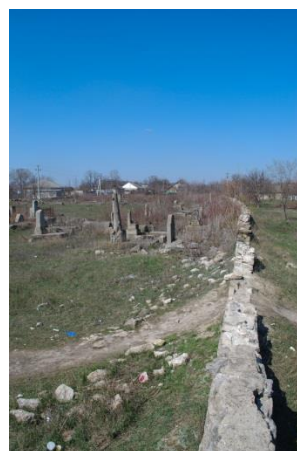
Photo was taken from “[Jewish Heritage Sites and Monuments in Moldova](#)”, see the whole report above.

208 burial records with **204** photographs are uploaded to JOWBR. There are **484!** Images of Unknown graves that you can access at [Unknown Graves at Marculesti Cemetery](#).

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

Dates: Most of the burials in this cemetery are from the beginning of 20 century, but there are a number of graves dated middle and late 19 century, and possible even 18 century. If we have doubts about the dates, you will see “?”. The latest memorial is dated 1969.

The cemetery is in a very poor condition. The stone fence is destroyed and last stones are taken away. There are many stones fallen, broken. When I first saw images from the cemetery, I felt that this is the **“Cemetery of Broken Stones!”**









An example of how the remaining inscriptions are disappearing:



Photo was taken in
August of 2015

Kupershteyn Gamliel G.
1913-1968



Photo was taken in March of 2016



Panorama of the cemetery



One of the oldest tombstones

Khana bat Moshe

9 Nisan 5653
(26-Mar-1893)



The Rabbi and Great Light

Avraham ben Menachem Nachum

9 Tevet 5653 (28-Dec-1892)

Mărculești, Moldova was the site of an unimaginable atrocity.
Years later, few speak clearly or honestly about what happened.



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