The Old Jewish Cemetery of Vadul-Raşkov (Vad-Rashkov)

Before 1917 Vadul-Rashkov was part of the Soroki Uezd, Bessarabia gubernia of the Russian Empire. Now it is part of the Republic of Moldova,

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Introduction
The project was started by JewishGen, Bessarabia SIG in 2017. The photography was taken by Serghey Daniliuk, a resident of Kaushany, Bessarabia SIG long time photographer and researcher.

Location, Maps
Vadul Rashkov Jewish Cemetery on the Google Map. At the other side of Dniester River you can see another town Rascov, where there is also an old Jewish Cemetery.

The cemetery is located in the South part of town of Vadul Rashkov.
Across the Dniester River is the town of Rashkov, part of Podolia Gubernia before 1917, and now is part of Moldova, Transnistria, non-recognized region.

Jewish Population
3,237 Jews lived in Vadul-Rashkov in 1897 from a total population of 4,641. 8 Jewish businesses were found in the Klyachkin directory of 1901. In 1924 there were 98 Jewish businesses for a total population in the town of 9,140.

1,970 Jews from a total of 3,976 lived in Vadul-Rashkov in 1930. The Jewish community was founded around the middle of 18 century.
See close by to the North – Camenca, to the South Rybnita, to the West – Floresti, Beltsi, Riscany, to North-West – Soroca, Yampol (Ukraine), to the South – Orhei, Kishinev, Dubossary, to the East – Balta, Ananiev both in Ukraine.

From Jewish Heritage Sites and Monuments in Moldova
Report “Jewish Heritage Sites and Monuments in Moldova”, created by the United States Commission for the Preservation of America’s Heritage Abroad, 2010, did not mention the town of Vadul Rashkov and it’s a very old Jewish Cemetery!
Phase 1 of the project, Volunteers
Phase one of the project was done in 2017- April of 2018. All photos were translated and deciphered by Nathan Gabriel, and another person who did not want his name be published.

The first phase consists about half of burial records and images, and it included more than 1,300 graves. From the 862 graves that were identified, and submitted to JOWBR (+860 images), 454 graves are Unknown and can be viewed at Bessarabia SIG website at Unknown Graves at Vadul Rashkov cemetery.

Language of the inscriptions: Phase 1: all writings are in Hebrew, except a couple which are in Hebrew and Russian.

Dates: Phase 1: burials are from the middle of the 18 century. The last burial is dated 1955.

Phase 2 of the project, Volunteers
Phase one of the project was done in 2018. All photos were translated and deciphered by Terry Lasky and Nathan Gabriel.

The phase 2 included more than 1,600 graves. From that number 1,065 graves were identified and submitted to JOWBR together with 1,057 images. 613 graves are Unknown and can be viewed at Bessarabia SIG website at Unknown Graves at Vadul Rashkov cemetery.

Language of the inscriptions: Phase 2: same as Phase 1.

Dates: Phase 2: burials are from the end of 19 century up to middle of 20 century.

Total records
submitted to JOWBR for this project JOWBR for this project is 1,927 with 1,917 images. Also there are 1,067 Unknown graves which can be viewed from this report Unknown Graves at Vadul Rashkov cemetery.

Overview of Rashkov and Vad-Rashkov on two sides of Dniester River
From Simon Geissbuhler


Courtesy of Simon Geissbühler, Switzerland

I would strongly recommend Simon’s book: “Like Shells on a Shore. Synagogues and Jewish Cemeteries of Northern Moldavia” (2010), where you see and feel what the Jewish Heritage is.

Many thanks to Simon Geissbühler for his books and preservation work in Moldova/Ukraine.
See beautiful black and white photos of Vadul-Rashkov and many other cemeteries in Moldova and Ukraine at https://vanishedworld.blog/tag/vadul-rascov-vadul-rashkov/

Christian, your photos will remain forever even when some stones will disappear! Thank you.
From Olga Sivac, Kishinev, librarian at I. Manger Jewish Public Library (website)
From Cassio Tolpolar

This is a picture of the grave of my great-grandparents, Meyer and Ene Tolpolar, who were murdered together and were buried together (at Vadul Rashkov Jewish Cemetery). Standing on the left side is my grandfather Avrum Tolpolar. On the right side it's his older brother Yeshaya Tolpolar. Shortly after this picture was taken my grandfather immigrated to Brazil, to never come back to his homeland. Yeshaya stayed and was killed during the Holocaust. If you are interested to know more about it and the film this picture inspired, go to http://www.mamaligablues.com

Cassio Tolpolar

http://www.cassiotolpolar.com

Here is the same grave in 2017

This is the combined image, which was send to JOWBR
One of the oldest graves

Pesye bat Shalom

14th of Elul, 5507
(20 August, 1747)
Chana Gitel
daughter of Yosef

28th of Cheshvan,
5507

(11 November,
1746)
One of the most recent graves

Writing is in Hebrew and Russian

Baruch son of Yehoshua

11th of Tevet, 5715
(5 January, 1955)

BEKERMAN
Boris son of Elie
1886 – 1955
Images from the cemetery
Dnister River
Ze’ev ben Avraham

25 Sivan 5667

(June 7, 1907)
Chana Feiga bat of Yehuda Leib,

5677? (1917/1918?)