The Jewish Cemetery of Cimișlia (Chimishliya), Bendery district, Bessarabia, now in Republic of Moldova

Final report, Yefim Kogan, January 30, 2014

Chimishliya received a status of “mestechko”, a town where Jews could live in 1840. At the end of the 19th century, a synagogue was built and in 1907 from 4500 of the total population, 750 were Jews. In 1930, from the total of 6562, 925 were Jews.

The project was started by JewishGen, Bessarabia SIG in October of 2013. All the photographs were done by Serghey Daniliuk, resident of Kaushany, Moldova, the same person who also photographed graves at the Bendery Jewish Cemetery.
Chimishliya (Cimislia) on the map of South Moldova. You can also see towns of Kishinev (Chisinaiu), Bendery, Kagul (Cahul), Bilhotod-Dnestrovskiy, Odessa.

Gates to the Cemetery
2013, Serghey Daniliuk
The overview of the cemetery

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There are about 400 grave stones standing or laying on the ground at the Chimishliya cemetery. Many of them do not have any inscription, and are broken.

There are 131 records we uploaded to the JOWBR, with 119 photographs of them.

276 graves were unrecognized, because of no writing or very little writing, from which we could not derive any names. These 276 photos you can view at the Bessarabia SIG website / Cemetery section or directly at Unknown Graves at Chimishliya Jewish Cemetery.

Here are our members of JewishGen who helped to decipher the writings at these graves:

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House, where Cemetery caretaker used to live.

2013, Serghey Daniliuk
Grave of a Rabbi (no inscription), 2013, Serghey Daniliuk
The existing graves at the cemetery are dated from 1879 to 2006.

The earliest grave found at the cemetery

The important man our teacher "the rabbi"

Yosef son of ShakhnaTzvi SEGAL (Levite!) died on the 2nd day of Sukkot 5640 (October 2/3, 1879)

May His Soul Be Bound Up in the Bundle of Life

Translated by Nathen Gabriel
Another old grave from 1912

Marietochka,
So was God's will

Here lie the remains of my unforgettable wife, dear friend, an invaluable companion Mariya Barash, daughter of Simkha (maiden name Pisarevskaya) and my new born daughter, died 18 August, 1912, 28 years old.