

## Kishinev Jewish Cemetery events

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### **Pavel Philip** (*Prime Minister of Republic of Moldova*) **demanded a plan to restore the Jewish cemetery**

Prime Minister Pavel Filip called for the development of an action plan for the restoration of the Jewish cemetery in Chisinau and the construction of a Jewish cultural center, which will include several historical sites of the Jewish community.



“Considering that two thirds of the cemeteries are almost destroyed, there may be a Jewish historical cultural center, a kind of Yad Vashem. We can restore the cemetery, which can be restored, including the chapel, and there can be a museum or a memorial in the rest of the territory. And then it will be a place to honor the memory of the victims of the Holocaust, as well as to visit tourists,” said Pavel Filip, examining the site , reports [moldpres.md](http://moldpres.md) .

The Prime Minister noted that in order to give the government the necessary powers to develop a Jewish cultural center, the cemetery should be removed from the subordination of the Chisinau Municipal Council and transferred to the submission of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Research. He also stressed the need for a feasibility study: “We need professionals who know how to do everything, save the entire history of this place, we are talking about preserving historical data. There should be a project, I think we can attract a Jewish community here for investment if there is a clear project.”

Read the article at

<https://point.md/ru/novosti/obschestvo/pavel-filip-potreboval-razrabotat-plan-po-vosstanovleniiu-evreiskogo-kladbishcha>

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## **In Kishinev, work began on the improvement of the Jewish cemetery**



Specialized equipment cuts down shrubs, clearing the place for work.

**At the Jewish cemetery in Chisinau began to carry out repair work. Today, a specialized equipment was spotted there, which cut down shrubs and trees, clearing the work site.**

Earlier, Prime Minister Pavel Filip asked to develop a plan for the reconstruction of this cemetery by the end of October. It is planned that a Jewish cultural center will be built here, which will include historical sites of the Jewish community, [unimedia.info](http://unimedia.info) reports .

The current state of the cemetery is catastrophic. The initiative for its reconstruction is part of the government's decision to create a museum of Jewish history from the Republic of Moldova in Chisinau.

The Jewish cemetery in Chisinau is a historical monument of more than 12 hectares, on which there are more than 40 thousand graves. There are graves and monuments that are about 300 years old.

Read the article at

<https://point.md/ru/novosti/obschestvo/v-kishineve-nachalis-raboty-po-blagoustroistvu-evreiskogo-kladbishcha>



Do we need to applaud the government of Republic of Moldova? Or we should be worry about it?

- Is it not too fast to start improvement work in a month after prime minister visited the cemetery? Where is the plan?
- It is winter there, and it is not a great time to start any renovations.
- Do we want to have a Jewish Center, Museum at the Jewish Cemetery??

I would like to ask **United States Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad (report from the commission , 2010-<https://www.jewishgen.org/bessarabia/files/cemetery/JDCHeritageSitesInMoldova.pdf>)**, **don't we want the this commission to be involved in such project?**

Can we send a message to the Chairman of this commission – Warren L. Miller about the fate of this sacred place of Jewish people?

Maybe JewishGen can help establishing contacts with US Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad!

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