



JEWISH COMMUNITY
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OF MOLDOVA

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Cooperation with national and local authorities



STRENGTHENING RELATIONS



PARTNERSHIP WITH AUTHORITIES

The Jewish Community of the Republic of Moldova actively develops partnerships with national and local authorities, working on addressing strategically important issues.



- Participation of the Jewish Community in an advisory meeting organized by the President of the Republic of Moldova, Maia Sandu, with the leaders of ethnocultural organizations.
- Cooperation with the Chişinău City Hall on issues related to the commemoration of the victims of the Chişinău Pogrom and other important anniversaries.
- Cooperation with the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Moldova within programs aimed at preserving heritage and supporting Jewish culture.
- Cooperation with the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Moldova regarding the development and approval of a program on the study of Jewish traditions, history and culture.
- Meeting of the Chairman of the Jewish Community of the Republic of Moldova with the Minister of Education, Dan Perciun, on the issue of integrating Holocaust history into the mandatory curriculum.
- Cooperation with the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova on issues related to preventing and combating antisemitism, bias-motivated crimes, and joint efforts in informing law enforcement officers.
- Participation in regular meetings of the Coordination Council of the Agency for Interethnic Relations, round tables, and other meetings.
- Participation of the director of the Jewish Community of the Republic of Moldova in the inauguration ceremony of the President of the Republic of Moldova.

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Commemoration of Holocaust Victims

During Holocaust Remembrance Week (January 22-30), Jewish communities, government and non-government organizations on both sides of the Dniester River held more than 70 thematic events, including:

- Memorial rallies at Holocaust victims' monuments and marches to sites of mass shootings.
- Information campaign #WeRemember:
- Light projection on the building of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova #WeRemember (second year in a row).
- Posters were placed at bus stops and on public transport in Chişinău, and informational flyers were distributed in dozens of high schools in the capital.
- Opening of the "Information Cube" near the Chişinău City Hall.
- Exhibitions, lectures, tours, performances, film screenings, and presentations were organized.
- Personal stories of members of the Moldovan Jewish Association—former Nazi prisoners—were published.

Additional events included:

- Events dedicated to the 121st anniversary of the Chişinău Pogrom (memorial rally, thematic lectures, and tours).
- Tour of the "Chişinău Ghetto."
- Memorial rally dedicated to the anniversary of the opening of the Memorial in the Cosăuţ Forest.
- Participation of community representatives in a thematic conference in Bucharest.
- Ongoing care for Holocaust victims' monuments and memorials.



These initiatives highlight the importance of preserving historical memory, strengthening the values of tolerance, and preventing the repetition of the tragic events of the past.

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Humanitarian programs

In 2024, the Humanitarian Assistance Center (HAC) of the Jewish Community of the Republic of Moldova actively continued its mission, launching new projects for the integration of temporarily displaced persons from Ukraine and Israel:

1. Community Dialogue for Integration (CDI), funded by UNHCR
2. Informal educational activities for the community; mentorship program for women. Additionally, events for children, training for mentors, and joint meetings of mentors (community members) and mentees (from the displaced community) were organized.
3. Psychological and Psychosocial Support (MHSPSS) for Women and Children provided, funded by IsraAID Germany.
4. Regular psychological support provided to women and children, including joint events, individual meetings with psychologists, etc.
5. Community Support Circle for Sustainable Integration project, funded by HIAS Moldova.
6. Creating sustainable pathways for the integration of displaced persons. Best practices were assessed, and a series of seminars were held in Chișinău and other regions (Rîbnița, Bender, Cahul, Soroca).

HAC successfully completed projects:

1. Relocation, funded by HIAS Moldova: 58 refugees from Ukraine were relocated to the EU and Canada (January-April 2024).
2. Israeli Response, funded by HIAS Europe: Emergency assistance provided to Israelis arriving in Moldova after the tragic events of October 7, 2023 (more than 50 beneficiaries).

Additional achievements:

- Creation and opening of the Community HUB with the support of OlamAid Germany, UNHCR, HIAS Moldova.

Main results within the framework of HAC:

- 24 community events held (including Shabbat, Masterclasses, Tours, Community Jewish Holidays) with the participation of 2,100 people;
- Individual assistance provided to refugees - 30 cases amounting to more than 135,000 lei;
- Integration workshops (10 meetings, 5 cities on both sides of the Dniester) with the participation of 150 people;
- 18 children's events with over 650 children participating;
- Thematic sessions with a psychologist for women – 9 meetings (80 participants).
- Participation in seminars and presentations;
- Targeted assistance based on requests;
- Participation in training for crisis support specialists;
- Assistance in preparing for the school year for students from Ukraine and Moldova;
- Screening of the documentary "Cries of War";
- Participation of the Humanitarian Assistance Center in an international conference in Germany;
- Participation of the Jewish Community of the Republic of Moldova in the event dedicated to the International Refugee Day in Chișinău.



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Social Projects

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- Annual charitable campaign "Eliyahu 5784" for the distribution of holiday packages for Passover to elderly community members (over 100 packages distributed on both sides of the Dniester).
- Regular replenishment of the library collection at the I. Manger Library.
- Ongoing support for the activities of the Moldovan Jewish Association – former Nazi prisoners, including holiday packages for prisoners during Passover, Rosh Hashanah, and Hanukkah. Birthday and anniversary greetings.
- Financial assistance for medical services to needy members of the Jewish community, and support based on targeted requests (over 100,000 lei).
- Provision of material and humanitarian assistance to needy and vulnerable members of urban communities (medical vouchers, household appliances, direct financial assistance).

These initiatives are aimed at improving the quality of life for community members, preserving historical memory, and engaging new generations in social and cultural projects.

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Support for Jewish Urban Communities

Charitable assistance is regularly provided to support the statutory activities of communities on both sides of the Dniester. These efforts are aimed at strengthening the connection between communities, ensuring the sustainability of their activities, and supporting initiatives focused on preserving Jewish culture and traditions.



- Charitable assistance for organizing the statutory activities of urban communities on both sides of the Dniester.
- Support for organizing commemorative and community events and Jewish holiday celebrations (Tu BiShvat, Purim, Passover, Lag BaOmer, Shavuot, Rosh Hashanah, Sukkot, Hanukkah).
- Assistance in strengthening security measures for community sites and events.
- Restoration of the mass grave at the Jewish cemetery in Tiraspol.
- Ongoing negotiations with local authorities to enhance security measures at the Holocaust memorial in Cahul.
- Support for holding the General Assembly of community members in Orhei.
- Repairs made to the Memorial in Cosăuți, installation of lighting and video surveillance, and renovation of the Holocaust memorial at the Jewish cemetery in Soroca.
- Completion of the restoration of the mass grave for the Victims of Fascism in Soroca.

These initiatives help strengthen security, protect cultural and historical landmarks, and create a safe environment for the community members.

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Support for Jewish traditions and cultural projects

The Jewish Community of the Republic of Moldova actively organizes cultural events, supports traditions, and preserves Jewish heritage. Main areas of focus include:

- Organizing joint children's events, including in collaboration with the Manger Library and the Jewish kindergarten;
- Holding classes on Jewish traditions for students of Jewish lyceums;
- Children's programs and celebrations of Jewish and Israeli holidays at the Jewish Community Center "Kedem";
- Revival of the regional festival "PurimShpil" (6 teams from the communities of Tiraspol, Rîbnița, Bender, Rambam Lyceum, Hillel, and Chișinău Hesed);
- Hosting the Community Passover Seder 5784 (over 400 participants);
- Organizing delivery and distribution of more than 2 tons of matzah;
- Participation in the opening of the exhibition "Franz Kafka in Prague" in collaboration with the Embassies of Austria and the Czech Republic at the National Library of Moldova;
- Participation in the presentation of the book "Pogrom: Kishinev and the Tilt of History" by Steven J. Zipperstein, translated into Romanian and published by Cartier Publishing House with support from USAID;
- Organizing the Lag BaOmer Festival in Rashkov in collaboration with the EU Confidence Building Measures Programme, UNDP, the Kamenka District Administration, the NGO Platforma Cultura, the Jewish Communities of Rîbnița and Bender, and HIAS Moldova;
- Participation in the global screening of the Israeli animated film "Legend of Destruction" for Tisha B'Av;
- Hosting the festival "European Days of Jewish Culture in the Republic of Moldova" together with the Ministry of Culture (September 8–10), featuring:
 - The educational conference "Gesher";
 - A screening of the Oscar-nominated film "Seven Blessings";
 - The opening of the exhibition "Moldovan Artists of Jewish Origin" at the National Museum of History;
 - A performance of the Jewish State Theater of Bucharest – "Mic și-al dracu", starring Maia Morgenstern;
 - A concert of Sephardic music by "Milo ke Mandarinii" (Spain).
- Presentation of the annual award "7 Candles".

These initiatives contribute to strengthening Jewish identity and preserving cultural heritage, while also reinforcing ties with the international Jewish community.



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Preservation of Jewish cemeteries

The Jewish Community of the Republic of Moldova is actively engaged in the preservation of Jewish cemeteries, working in partnership with international organizations, researchers, and volunteers. This is our contribution to honoring the past and preserving collective memory.



- Participation in a volunteer cleanup campaign at the Jewish cemetery on Milano Street;
- Involvement of representatives of the Jewish Community in the working group monitoring the situation at the Milano Street Jewish cemetery;
- Reconstruction of fences at Jewish cemeteries in Telenești, Dumbrăveni, Nemirovca (Dublin), Ceadăr-Lunga, and Țirgul Vertiujeni;
- Organization of visits by the leadership of the ESJF Foundation to Moldova;
- Inauguration of restored fences at cemeteries in Telenești, Rezina, and Dumbrăveni, along with educational seminars held for local residents;
- A two-day educational seminar titled "Preserving Jewish Heritage: Jewish Cemeteries" for librarians, tourism professionals, and guides from 13 districts of Moldova, held with the support of ESJF and the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Moldova.

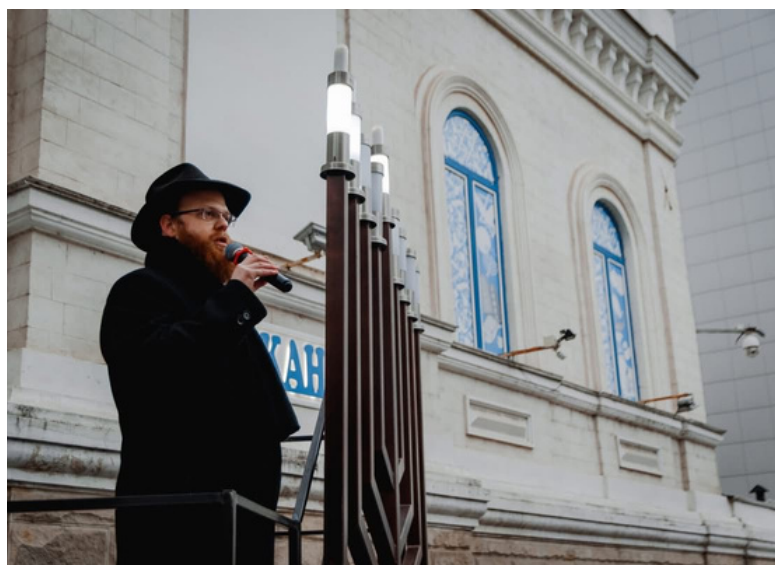
In Judaism, the preservation and respect for burial sites is considered a sacred duty, and caring for cemeteries reflects a deep commitment to the religious and ethical traditions of our ancestors.

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Spiritual Life and Interfaith Dialogue

The Jewish Community of the Republic of Moldova actively supports religious life and promotes interfaith dialogue in the country, while also developing partnerships with religious and ethnic organizations both in Moldova and abroad.

- **Meeting** between the President of the Jewish Community and Rabbi Eliyahu Bar-Shalom, Chief Rabbi of Bat Yam (Israel);
- **Visit** of Rabbi Mendel Menachem Zalmanov to the Jewish Community of Moldova;
- **Support** for synagogues and assistance in organizing traditional ceremonies and religious holidays in Chişinău and regional communities;
- **Participation** in events dedicated to the International Roma Day;
- **Participation** in working groups under the platform of the UNHCR;
- **Co-chairmanship** of the JCM Director on the national expert platform on the rights of persons belonging to national minorities, under the Council for Equality;
- **Cooperation** with Millennium Partners Corp. within the framework of a project aimed at combating discrimination and preventing hate crimes.



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Educational Projects

The Jewish Community of the Republic of Moldova actively supports educational initiatives, sports projects, and research efforts aimed at the development of Jewish heritage and the preservation of traditions. Main areas of focus include:

- **Meeting of the Jewish Education Committee**, development and adoption of a curriculum on Jewish history, culture, and traditions within the national program of the Ministry of Education and Research (grades 1–4 and 5–9);
- **Participation** in opening ceremonies at Jewish lyceums and provision of essential educational supplies;
- **Support** for Jewish youth in completing the Madrichim training course, as well as in educational and volunteer initiatives;
- **Support** for the Likrat Moldova project, organizing intercultural dialogue sessions in schools across the country (Edineț, Bălți, Comrat) and in five lyceums, engaging a total of 238 students from grades 8–12;
- **Summer camp in Poland** for children from Moldova and Ukraine (20 participants).



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International Cooperation and Public Diplomacy

The Jewish Community of the Republic of Moldova actively develops international relations and cooperation with various governmental, diplomatic, and Jewish organizations, strengthening its presence on the global stage. Key areas of focus include:

- **Participation** of JCM Directorate staff in international conferences, visits, educational seminars, and events in Budapest, Prague, and Ljubljana;
- **Meetings** with representatives of the Embassies of the United States, Germany, Romania, Austria, and the Czech Republic;
- **Hosting** of a high-level delegation from the U.S. Department of State and the UNHCR;
- **Participation** in the Annual Global Forum of the American Jewish Committee in Washington, D.C., USA;
- **Participation** in the international forum for Jewish community leaders organized by the World Jewish Congress (Bulgaria);
- **Visit** of the Polish Friends of Israel delegation to Chişinău;
- **Visit** of a German delegation led by Professor Klaus Eppe within the framework of a program focused on Holocaust remembrance and education;
- **Visit** of representatives from the Yad Ruth Foundation, which supports the Association of Jews Formerly Persecuted by the Nazi Regime;
- **Support** for the initiative of Honorary Consul of Moldova in Brazil, Flavio Mendes Bittelman, to organize the exhibition “Heritage of Bessarabia: The History of the Jews of Moldova”;
- **Participation** in the UN Forum in Moldova dedicated to the protection of human rights and the promotion of equality principles.



These efforts contribute to strengthening the position of the Jewish Community of the Republic of Moldova in international politics and society, while fostering constructive dialogue and cooperation with diplomatic missions, human rights and humanitarian organizations, as well as with international Jewish and cultural institutions.

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- **Participation** in the reception marking the **76th** anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel;
- **Ongoing** dialogue with diplomatic representatives of the State of Israel;
- **Collaboration** with the Jewish Agency for Israel (Sohnut) in Moldova;
- **Cooperation** with Keren Yedidut in Moldova;
- **Regular information support** and media coverage of events in Israel across all JCM platforms (online, print publications, radio and TV interviews);
- **Participation** in the exhibition "**October 7th**", dedicated to the memory of the tragic events of **October 7, 2023**.



Combating Antisemitism and Ensuring Security

01. Legal Support and Monitoring

02. Educational Initiatives

03. Strengthening Security

04. Cooperation with International Partners

- Efforts to prevent and address acts of vandalism at Jewish cemeteries, as well as assistance in identifying perpetrators (Soroca, Călărași);
- Documentation and reporting of all instances of antisemitism and anti-Israel incidents to law enforcement authorities in Moldova, with active support in investigations;
- Participation in the seminar “Building Bridges: Combating Antisemitism Together” in Brussels.



- Implementation of the project “Strengthening Action and Response to Antisemitism in Moldova (SARM)” – development of a guide for identifying and investigating antisemitic incidents by the police, preparation of informational materials (STOP ANTISEMITISM) and organization of training sessions for local authorities and police representatives in Bălți, Comrat, Călărași, and Chișinău;
- Organization of the seminar “Aspects of Local Holocaust History” in collaboration with the General Police Inspectorate, attended by over 50 Moldovan police officers;
- Regular thematic interviews, and participation in radio programs and television reports.



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Security

The Jewish Community of the Republic of Moldova actively supports initiatives aimed at enhancing security in Jewish cultural and educational institutions. Key areas of focus include: strengthening the protection of public spaces, ensuring safe conditions for cultural events, and developing measures to protect community members in everyday life. We are committed to creating a resilient and secure environment where everyone can feel safe and protected.

- In response to the global rise in antisemitism and increasing security threats, proactive measures are being taken to ensure the protection of Jewish institutions and community members;
- Installation of video surveillance and alarm systems in synagogues, cultural centers, at Jewish cemeteries, and memorial sites;
- Strengthening of physical security at Jewish educational institutions;
- Implementation of training programs for volunteers from within the community;
- Security capacity-building trainings conducted in Jewish lyceums and the Jewish kindergarten, with the support of the Pillar Foundation;
- Working meetings with representatives of the General Police Inspectorate to address security issues.

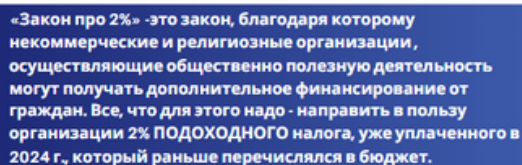
Restitution

- **Ongoing efforts to address the restitution of Jewish property and the restoration of historical justice.**

- Regular publications on social media and the official website;
- Publication of the magazine “Nash Golos” – 3 issues, each with a print run of 1,000 copies, distributed nationwide;
- Information campaign to collect 2% of income tax contributions;
- Advertising campaign in support of the “2024 Population Census” project ([watch here](#));
- Publication and distribution of the 5785 Jewish calendar.

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- **Regular meetings of the JCM Directorate;**
- **Sessions of the Council of the JCM Union;**
- **Board of Trustees meetings – 3 sessions;**
- **Meetings of the heads of Jewish city communities – 3 sessions;**
- **General Assembly of Jewish Community members – held on November 24, 2024.**



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Еврейская Община Республики Молдова информирует вас о том, что с 8 апреля по 7 июля Национальное бюро статистики проведет перепись населения и жилищных жилищных Молдова. О том, почему ваше участие в переписи так важно, вы узнаете в нашем видео ролике  [▶](#)

Comunitatea Evreiască din Republica Moldova vă informează că în perioada 8 aprilie - 7 iulie, Biroul Național de Statistică va efectua un recensământ al populației și al locuințelor. Aflați de ce participarea Dumeavoastră la el este atât de importantă în următorul nostru videoclip  [▶](#)



WORK PLAN FOR 2025



● Support for Jewish Culture and Traditions:

- Festival of European Days of Jewish Culture in partnership with collaborators;
- Participation in the Ethnocultural Festival;
- Theatrical performances and creative evenings;
- Lag BaOmer Festival in Rashkov;
- Culinary battles;
- Import and distribution of matzah.

● Events for Jewish Calendar Holidays:

- Shabbat events;
- PurimShpil Festival (March 13–14);
- Passover Seder (April 12–20);
- Sukkot celebration at Bender Fortress (October 12);
- Hanukkah events (December 14–22).

● Heritage Preservation:

- Events and campaigns dedicated to International Holocaust Remembrance Day;
- Support and maintenance of memorials and monuments on both banks of the Dniester;
- Preservation and reconstruction of Jewish cemetery fences in cooperation with ESJF (planned installations in Rashkov and others);
- Stolpersteine project ("stumbling stones");
- "Righteous Among the Nations Alley" project (Orhei Highway);
- Continued development of the Vertiujeni project;
- Reconstruction project of the Tsirelson Yeshiva, including a documentary film about Rabbi Tsirelson;
- 84th anniversary of the Chişinău Ghetto – commemorative events;
- Continuation of the project: "Phase 2 of the conservation of the Rashkov Synagogue";
- Translation of the Izkor Book from English into Russian;
- Renovation of the Jewish History Museum in Orhei.

● Support for Informal Jewish Education and Sports:

- Maccabiada sports competition in collaboration with Maccabi-Moldova (May 11);
- Children's camp in Poland in partnership with Friends of Israel;
- Jewish Book Day in cooperation with the I. Manger Library;
- Children's Day celebration;
- "Gesher" educational seminar (September 7);
- Family Shabbaton;
- Sunday school.

● Social Support:

- Charitable assistance to the Association of Former Ghetto and Concentration Camp Prisoners on the occasions of birthdays and the holidays of Passover, Rosh Hashanah, and Hanukkah;
- Project "Eliyahu".

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● Общинная деятельность (проекты, мероприятия, поддержка):

- Support for Jewish educational institutions and Jewish organizations;
- Publication of the magazine “Nash Golos” – 3 issues;
- Publication of the annual Jewish calendar for 5786;
- Visits, support, and engagement with local Jewish communities (Bălți, Bender, Tiraspol, Dubăsari, Rîbnița, Orhei, Soroca, and Cahul);
- Presentation of the annual award “7 Candles” for outstanding contribution to community development;
- Partial renovation of equipment and infrastructure in the JCM concert hall;
- New project initiatives;
- Development, implementation, and monitoring of security protocols;
- Monitoring programs and actions to combat antisemitism, including legal support and cooperation with law enforcement, prosecutors, and the justice system.

● Projects of the Humanitarian Aid Center (HAC):

- Community Dialogue for Integration – includes Mentorship Program, PACE Hub workshops and performances, Volunteer Program, and up to 12 community events, in partnership with UNHCR;
- Support for women and children from Ukraine, in partnership with OlamAid Germany;
- “Millennium” project – the “Strengthening Action and Response to Antisemitism in Moldova (SARM)” initiative, in partnership with Millennium Partners;
- PACE Project / Social Theatre performance on discrimination and cultural integration, in partnership with Millennium Partners.

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