

The cemetery is located in Caraseu, 3943, com. Culciu, judet Satu Mare, [4744 2306](#) , 269.3 miles NNW of Bucharest and 17 km from Satu Mare. Alternate name: Szamoskrasso (Hungarian). Present town population is 1,000-5,000 with no Jews.

- Mayor Balaj Nicolae, Town Hall of Culciu, judet Satu Mare
  
- The Jewish Community of Satu Mare, Decebal Str. no. 4A, 3900 Satu Mare, Romania, tel. 0040-61-713703
- The Federation of The Jewish Communities of Romania, Sf. Vineri Str. no. 9-11, sect. 3, Bucharest, Romania
- "Dr. Moshe Carmilly" Institute for Hebrew and Jewish History, Universitatii Str. no. 7-9, room 61, 3400 Cluj-Napoca, Romania, Director: Ladislau Gyemant, [gyemant@zortec.ro](mailto:gyemant@zortec.ro)
  
- "A.D. Xenopol" Institute of History, Lascar Catargi Str., no. 15, 6400- Iasi (judet Iasi), Romania. Tel. 032/212614; e-mail: [xeno@mail.dntis.ro](mailto:xeno@mail.dntis.ro) . Director: Alexandru Zub.
- Key holder and caretaker: Vass Albert, Caraseu, no. 424

The 1880 Jewish population by census was 150, by 1900 census was 122, and in 1930 was 91. In May 1944, the Jews were gathered in the ghetto of Satu Mare and on May 19, 22, 26, 29, 30, 31, and June 1 were deported to Auschwitz. The cemetery was established in second half of the 19th century. Noteworthy individuals buried in the unlandmarked Orthodox cemetery: one Cohan. Last known burial was inter-war period.

The rural/agricultural flat land, separate but near other cemeteries, has no sign or marker. Reached via private property, access is open with permission. A fence with a gate that locks surrounds the site. Approximate pre-WWII size is unknown. Approximate post-WWII size is 84 x 36 m. 20-100 stones are visible. 1-20 stones are not in original location. Less than 25% of the stones are toppled or broken. Location of stones removed from the cemetery is unknown. Vegetation overgrowth in the cemetery is not a problem. Water drainage is good all year. No special sections. The oldest known gravestone dates from 1874. The 19th and 20th century marble, granite, limestone, sandstone, and concrete flat shaped, smoothed and inscribed, and carved relief-decorated, and double tombstones have Hebrew and Hungarian inscriptions. No known mass graves.

The local Jewish community owns the property used for Jewish cemetery only. Adjacent

properties are village residential setting with houses, gardens, orchards, and pastures. Rarely, private Jewish or non-Jewish visitors stop. The cemetery was not vandalized in the last ten years or occasionally in the last ten years. [sic] Maintenance has been re-erection of stones, patching broken stones, cleaning stones, and clearing vegetation by local non-Jewish residents in 1980. Current care is unpaid regular caretaker. No structures.

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- *Recensamantul din 1880. Transilvania coord.:* Traian Rotariu, Cluj 1997.
- *Recensamantul din 1900.* Transilvania Traian Rotariu, Cluj, 1999
- *Recensamintul general al populației din 29 decembrie 1930*, (The General Census of the population from December 29, 1930), vol. II, Bucuresti 1938
  
- Carmilly-Weinberger, Moshe. *History of the Jews of Transylvania (1623-1944)*, Bucuresti, 1994, in Romanian
- *Recensamantul general al populației Romaniei din 29 decembrie 1930*, vol. II (The General Census of the Population of Romania from 29 December 1930, vol. II), Bucuresti, 1938
- *Recensamintul general al populației din Romania din 7 ianuarie 1992* (The General Census of the Population of Romania from January 7, 1992), vol. I, Bucuresti, 1994
  
- Coriolan Suciu, *Dictionar istoric al localitatilor din Transilvania* (The Historical Dictionary of Localities in Transylvania), vol. I-II, Bucuresti, 1967
  
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- *Microsoft Auto Route Express* 1999
- *Zsido Lexicon*, ed. by Ujvari Peter, Budapest, 1929.
- *Izvoare si marturii referitoare la evreii din Romania* (Sources and Testimonies on the Jews in Romania), vol. III/1-2, coord. L. Gyemant, L. Benjamin, Bucuresti, Ed. Hasefer, 1999
  
- Ladislau Gyemant, *Evreii din Transilvania in epoca emanciparii, 1790-1867* (The Jews of Transylvania in the Age of Emancipation 1790-1867), Bucuresti, ed, Enciclopedica, 2000

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