

US Commission No. ROCE-0579 - Satu Mare County, Transylvania

The cemetery is located at Santau, 3842, judet Satu Mare, [4731 2231](#) , 273.6 miles NW of Bucharest and 8 km from Tasnad. Alternate name: Tasnadszanto (Hungarian). Present town population is 1,000-5,000 with no Jews.

- Mayor Jiscu Coloman, Town Hall of Santau, judet Satu Mare
- The Jewish Community of Satu Mare, Decebal Street no. 4A, 3900 Satu Mare, Romania, tel. 0040-61-713703
- The Federation of the Jewish Communities of Romania, Sfintu Vineri Str., no 9-11, Sector 3, Bucharest, Romania.
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- Key holder and caretaker: Morvaly Jozsef, Santau, no. 62

The 1880 Jewish population by census was 139, by 1900 census was 123 and in 1930 was 61. 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 unlandmarked Orthodox cemetery was established in second half of the 19th century. Last known burial was inter-war period.

The rural/agricultural flat land, separate but near other cemeteries, has no sign or marker. Reached by a public road, access is open to all. No wall, fence, or gate. Approximate pre- and post-WWII size is 50 x 20 m. 1-20 stones are visible, some not in original location. More than 75% 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.

Cannot determine if cemetery has/had special sections. The oldest known gravestone dates from second half of the 19th century. The 19th and 20th century marble, granite, limestone, sandstone, and concrete flat shaped and smoothed and inscribed common gravestones have Hebrew and Hungarian inscriptions. No known mass graves.

The local Jewish community owns the property used for Jewish cemetery and orchard. Adjacent properties are in village residential setting with houses, gardens, orchards, and pastures.

Rarely,

private Jewish or non-Jewish visitors stop. The never vandalized cemetery maintenance has been cleaning stones and clearing vegetation. Current care is regular unpaid caretaker. No structures. Security is a serious threat. (no fence, no gate) Weather erosion is a moderate threat.

. Claudia Ursutiu, Pietroasa Str. no. 21, 3400 Cluj Napoca, Romania, tel. 0040-64-151073 visited the site and completed the survey 26 July 2000 using the following documentation:

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Claudia and Adrian Ursutiu interviewed Morvaly Jozsef, Santau. [January 2003]