



**Alternate names:** Якутск; Yakut: Дьокуускай, *Cokúskay* at [62°02' N 129°44' E](#) is the capital city of Sakha Republic about 450 kilometers (280 mi) south of the Arctic Circle. Population: 269,601(2010) Yakutsk is a major port on the Lena River and a major supplier of diamonds. Average winter temperature is -34 °C (-30 °F), which makes Yakutsk the coldest city of its size or greater in the world.

The Jewish Community of Yakutsk: Regional Rabbi - Rabbi of Khabarovsk, Rabbi **Yaakov Snetkov. Chairman of the Community - Gommershtadt Alexander G.**

- [Siberian Jews of Yakutsk survive fear, frost and flight](#) [August 2016]
- [The Settlement in Siberia](#) [August 2016]
- [Where the Moose Have No Blood: In Yakutsk, Siberia, the myths are falling, though slowly](#) . [August 2016]

#### CEMETERY:

- My friend Shaul Hollender in Kiryat Tivon, Israel, worked in the far eastern parts of Russia in 1998 and once visited Yakutsk where he took photos at the Jewish cemetery. Lately I helped connect two of the photos to family trees. In the last case, Randy Schoenberg added the photo to Miriam Leah Halberstam's profile on Geni. Some gravestones are made of wood! [Eva Floersheim](#)  
, Moss, Norway. [August 2016]

- Photos from 1998, courtesy Eva Floersheim & Shaul Hollender (pictured in one photo below) [August 2016]  
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