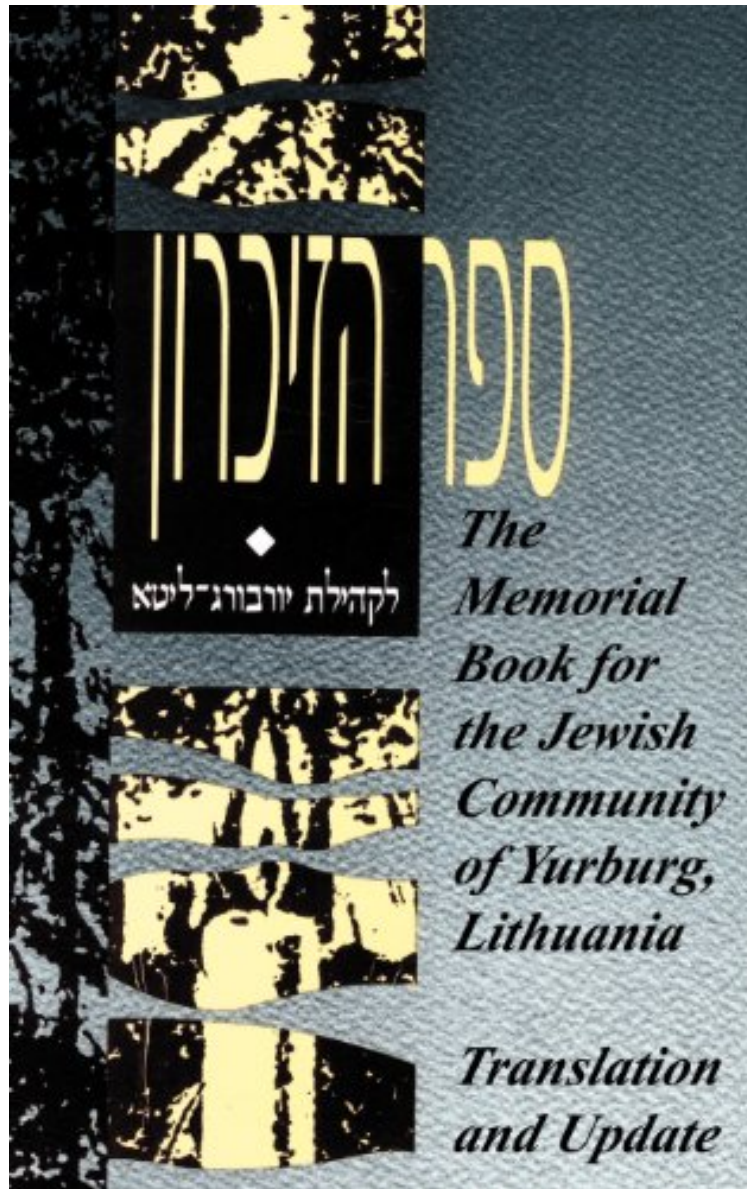


# The Memorial Book for the Jewish Community of Yurburg, Lithuania - Translation and Update

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5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. A Remarkable Story By Leon M. This is a wonderful book. The book was mostly in Hebrew, but a partial translation in English was available on the Internet for anyone to read. Over the last decade, Joel Alpert arranged for the book's complete English translation and placed it on the Internet. Mr. Alpert has also added additional information and photographs from his extended family and others and assembled it into an easy-to-read, 737-page text. The text includes a 1907 census of Jewish landowners in Jurbarkas and a map plotting their properties. There's also a University of Vilnius bachelor's thesis about the Holocaust in Jurbarkas, written by Ruta Puisyte that lists some of the victims and perpetrators of the destruction of Jurbarkas' Jewish community in September 1941. I heartily recommend this book to anyone interested in the Jewish experience in Lithuania or during the Holocaust.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. ... book of loving community and tragedy By G. Rudmin I know the author/editor of this book, this "collection of stories". I related to him how, when passing through "Jurbarkas" in 1996, that I felt the town was full of spirits, though not haunted. This was before I knew about "Yurburg". I want to describe the book as "wonderful" but it's a book of loving community and tragedy. I'm of Lithuanian descent and not of Jewish descent. Through family vignettes and "remembrances" the book describes the wonderful contemporary life of the Jewish community in greater Yurburg (Jurbarkas in Lithuanian) in the first half of the 20th century leading up to the destruction of the community by the invading Germans and supportive Lithuanians. When reading this book of love and tragedy, all should remember just how close to savagery each of us are. In Faust the great German philosopher/writer Goethe wrote in describing man, "Er nennt's Vernunft und braucht es nur tierischer als jedes Tier zu sein." ("Man calls it reason and uses it only to be more animalistic than any animal.") Certainly, every educated German, moreso then than now, read and has read Goethe's Faust. How ironic that Goethe's words presaged the conduct of German "civility", that unleashed the massacre of the Jewish communities in the Holocaust. This book, as well as being the story of a community, is testimony to the tragic savagery of mankind. I treasure my copy.

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Jurburg: a Definitive Yitzkor Book By A Customer Joel Alpert has set a new benchmark for Yitzkor books and memorial projects with his editing of this work. The abundance of photos, records, personal accounts, and other research materials are well organized. The translation of original Yiddish and Hebrew first person narratives and memories is valuable for future generations and researchers who may lack Yiddish and Hebrew reading skills. As for families whose ancestors came from Yurburg, this book is a must for their children. It is a blessing of memories for them. The work also can be used as an ongoing and living project for families of Jurburg descent. The book has opened up doors of research in finding unknown relatives and in putting together puzzles of our own family history. It may be worth while for other older Yitzkor books to be re-edited, translated and expanded in the fashion of Joel Alpert. This book is a must read and a model for any Yitzkor yet to be published.

This is the complete English Translation and Update of The Memorial (Yitzkor) Book of the Jewish Community of Yurburg, Lithuania, originally published in 1991 in Hebrew and Yiddish. The original book, written by survivors and emigres, provides a vivid portrait of Jewish village life in Lithuania as it existed before the Shoah. The book memorializes the richness and depth of the community - its people and its institutions depicting the fabric of history from which Litvaks are descended. All original photos and illustrations are included. More than 150 pages of new photographs and articles have been added in a new appendix. They were collected from Yurburg families from all over the world as a result of numerous Internet communications. The new material includes: recently discovered poignant letters and photographs sent from Yurburg to Mexico shortly before the Nazi invasion in June 1941, an honest and thorough account of the murders in Yurburg by a Lithuanian university student in her bachelor's thesis, impressions and photographs from a trip to Yurburg and nearby Sudarg in 2001, the official 1907 map of property plots and the list of plot owners and a list of over 300 identifiable headstones in the Yurburg Jewish cemetery in 1995. The book is hardcover with 740 pages, containing all the photographs and images from the original book plus over 200 photographs including new photos collected from all over the world from Yurburgers and from a trip taken to the town in 2001. Originally it was published by Assistance to Lithuanian Jews, Inc., and since March 2014 published by Friends of the Yurburg Jewish Cemetery, Inc.