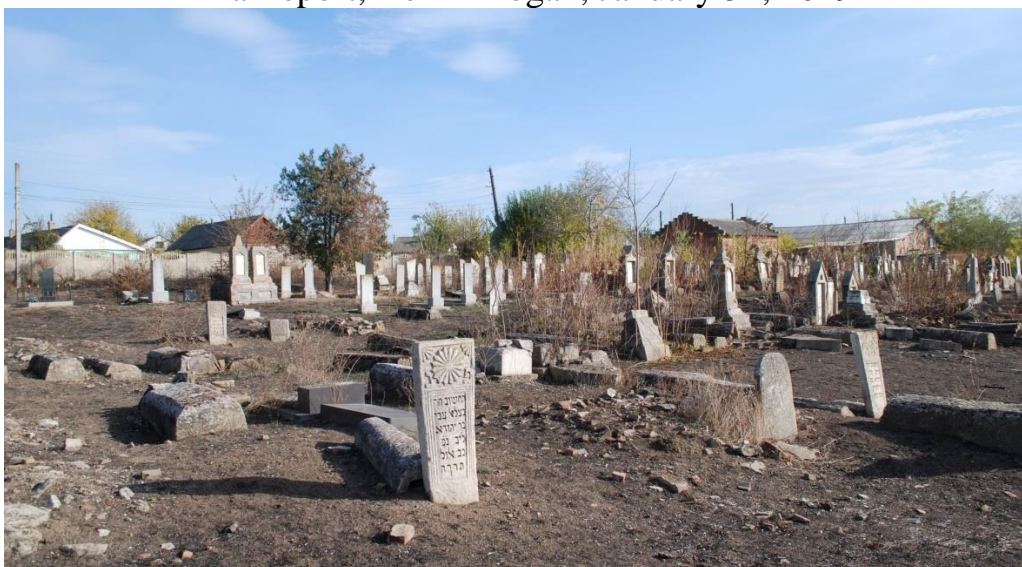


# The Jewish Cemetery of Reni

Reni was part of the Bessarabia gubernia of the Russian Empire, and previously part of the Moldova Principality. Currently Reni is in the Odessa Oblast of Ukraine.

## Еврейское Кладбище, Рени, Одесская область, Украина

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## Introduction

The project was started by JewishGen, Bessarabia SIG in 2018. The photography was taken by **Serghey Daniliuk**, a resident of Kaushany, Moldova, Bessarabia SIG long time photographer and researcher.

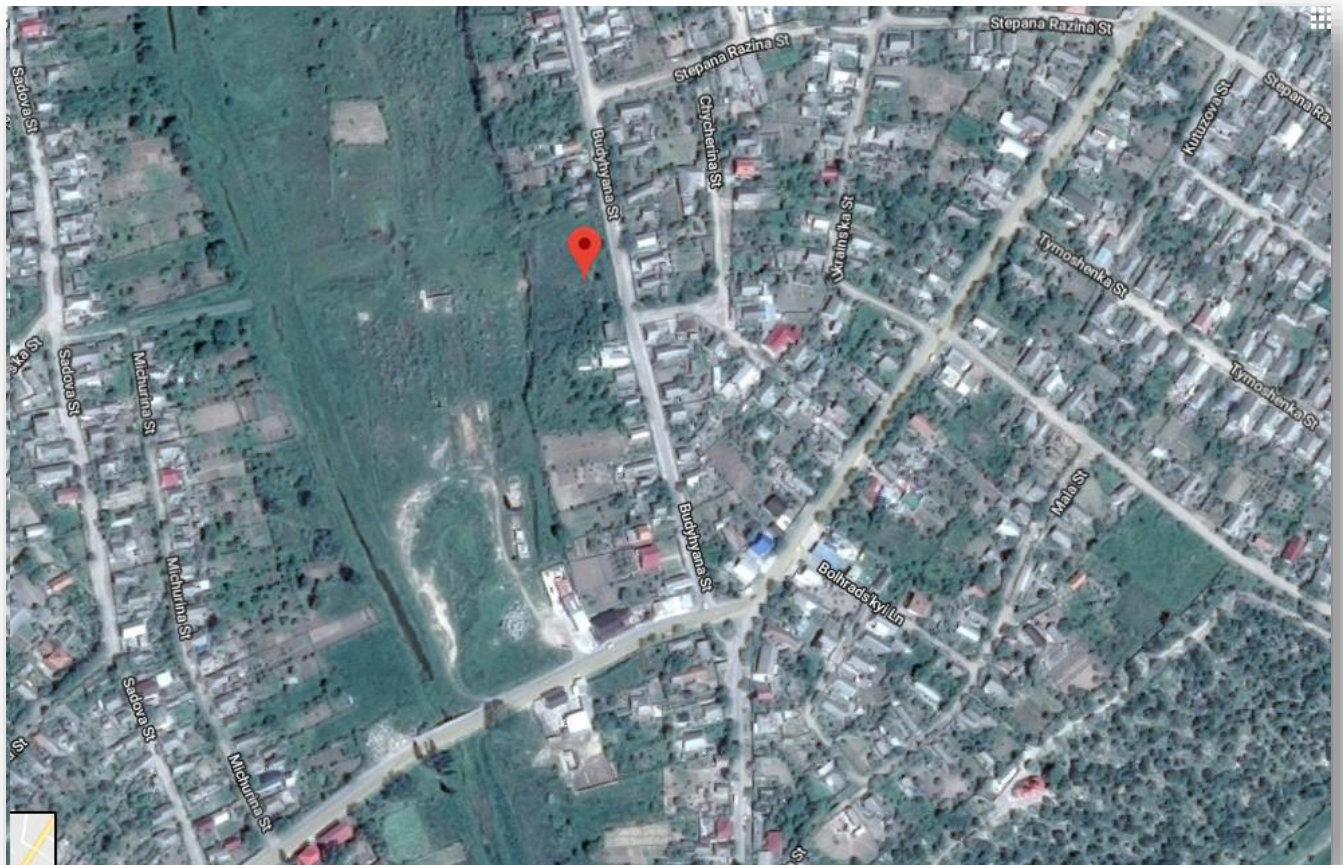
## Location, Maps

Here are the coordinates of the Reni Jewish cemetery: [45°27'43.6" N 28°17'05.4" E](#)

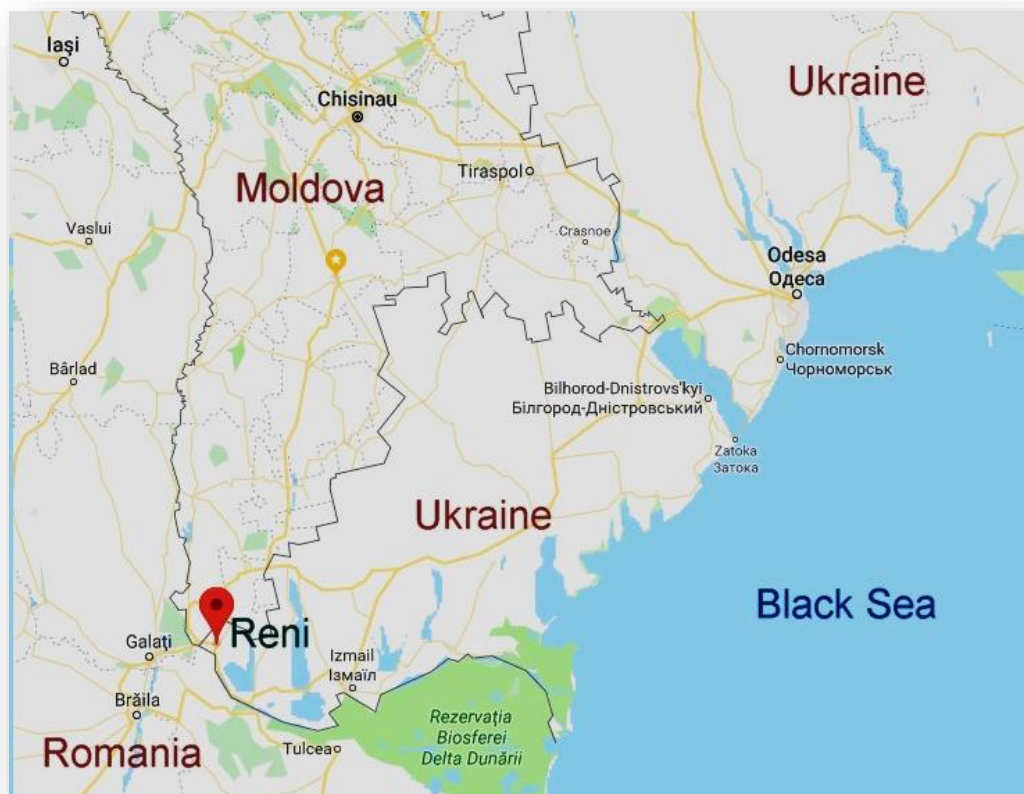
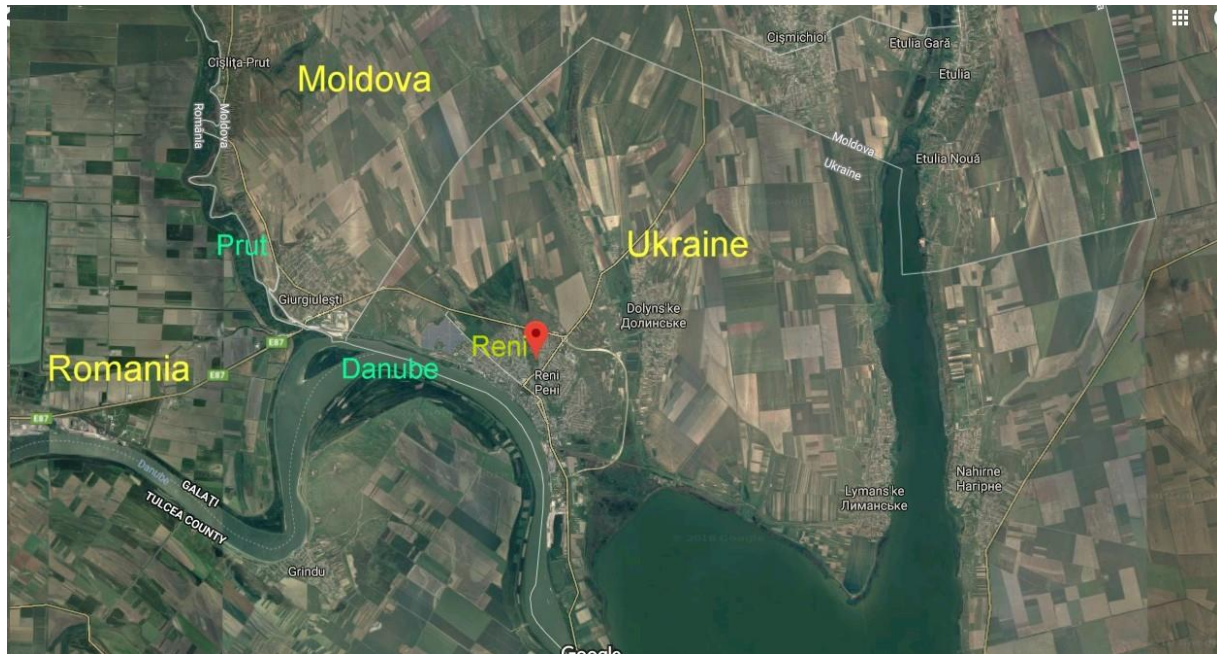
Reni is a town in southern Bessarabia, in the Izmail district on the river Prut, in the Ukraine. Reni is in the SW corner of Ukraine on the Danube River, close by to the Moldova and Romania borders, and about 1.5 miles from the Danube River. Distance to close by towns: Galati, Romania – 11 miles, Braila, Romania – 19 miles, Bolhrad, Ukraine – 23 miles, Izmail – 28 miles, Cahul, Moldova – 35 miles, Kishinev, Moldova – 134 miles.

Reni Jewish Cemetery is located on Budagyan (Budyhyan) street, not far from center of Reni,

Cemetery is marked on the map of the town.



The town of Reni on a Google map with parts of Moldova, Ukraine and Romania



## Fire at the cemetery in 2018

There was a fire at the cemetery, and you can see an article about it (use Google translation for English)

<http://reni-odessa.od.ua/v-reni-sgorelo-evrejskoe-kladbishhe.html>

Here is also a youtube video clip about the cemetery, fire and a story from a women whose grandfather was buried there.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=119&v=o5YY-LjCaWI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=119&v=o5YY-LjCaWI)



Fence at the cemetery (From video clip above).

## Jewish Population

730 Jews lived in Reni in 1897 from a total population of 6,941. In 1924 there were 82 Jewish businesses for a total population in the town of 12,866. In 1930 there are 1,201 Jews living in the town from total of 11,923.

## The translation project, Volunteers

The project was done in 2018. Inscriptions were translated and deciphered by **Terry Lasky** and **Nathan Gabriel**. **Dov Oppenheim**, **David Rozen** and **Semeon S.** also assisted to decipher the difficult inscriptions.

There are more than **about 500** graves at the cemetery. **263** names were identified and submitted to JOWBR with **263** photos,

**241** graves are Unknown and can be viewed at the Bessarabia SIG website at [Unknown Graves at Reni Jewish cemetery.](#)

**Language of the inscriptions:** Half of the inscriptions are Russian, there are about 6 inscriptions in Romanian, and the rest are in Hebrew. Many monuments had writings in two languages.

**Dates:** Burials are from the middle of the 19th century to the 21st century. The oldest grave is from 1832, and the newest from 2008.



Corners of the cemetery, both photos are donated by **Ger Dijkstra**, Berlin, Germany  
For more photos go to:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/161310091@N05/albums/72157702314750225>



One of the oldest graves



**Vita bat Tzvi**

**19 Nisan 5601**

(10 April 1841)

One of the most recent graves



Svetlana daughter of  
David  
KOLIOGLO

10-Dec-1943  
19-Jan-2008

Remembering, loving,  
grieving

**Monument to Jewish soldiers who died in the Russia-Turkey war (1877-1878) and in World War I**



There are no writings on the monument, but according to local member of Jewish community this should be the monument to the Jewish soldiers who died in wars.

Monument with eagle on top



Brotherly grave of 187 Russian soldiers, participants of the wars of Russian-Turkish and World War 1. (in century of Reni)

**Four graves where only a photo remained**  
(these graves are most likely from 1920 – 1930s)



**A beautiful engraving**



**Rachel ... (the rest is in the ground)**

**Remains of a synagogue at the cemetery**



**More images from the cemetery**





