

# The Old Jewish Cemetery of Jewish Rezina

Before 1917 **Rezina** was part of the Bessarabia gubernia of the Russian Empire. Now it is part of the Republic of Moldova.

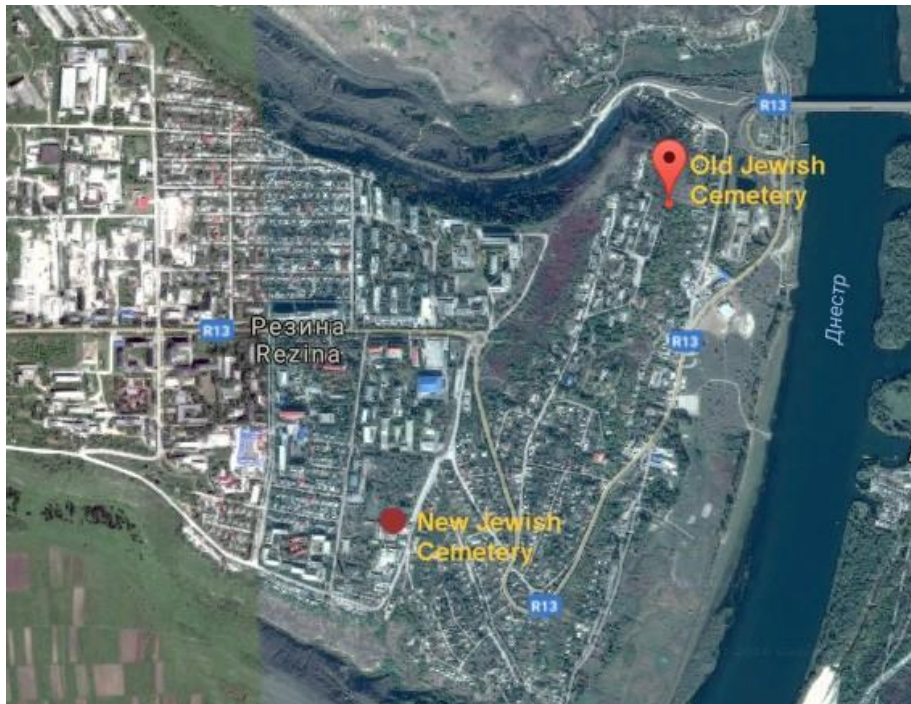
## Старое Еврейское Кладбище, Резина, Молдова

Final report, Yefim Kogan, December 27, 2016

Translation was done by members of Bessarabia SIG.

The project was started by JewishGen, Bessarabia SIG in 2016. The photographs were taken by **Serghei Daniliuk**.

Address: Pakiya str., close to Rd R13 and the bridge over Dniester River



Coordinates:  
47.752893, 28.975012

Old Jewish Cemetery of Rezina on the Google Map

## Jews in Rezina

3182 Jews lived in Rezina in 1897 from total of 3652 residents, 179 Jewish businesses were in town in 1924 and 2889 Jews lived in Rezina in 1930.



The town of Rezina on the map of Republic of Moldova. See close by the town of Ribnitsa, which is on the left bank of the Dniester River (Transnistria) Also see to the west, the town of Balti, to the south the capital Chisinau...

The cemetery was photographed in 2015.

Only **65** records were able to be read and uploaded to JOWBR together with **65** photos. There are also 25 Unknown Graves that you can access at [Unknown Graves at Rezina Old cemetery](#).

Translation of the inscriptions was done mostly by **Nathen Gabriel** and **Yefim Kogan**.

Our photographer **Sergei Daniliuk** reported that “Rezina Old Jewish cemetery is overgrown and it is a chaos of broken tombstones”. As you see below according to the “[Jewish Heritage Sites and Monuments in Moldova](#)” it is supposed to have about 500 graves... In order to know more about who was buried at that cemetery, we would have to do a Reconstruction project – cut trees, clean up, put up a fence, etc.

According to the report “[Jewish Heritage Sites and Monuments in Moldova](#)”, created by United States Commission for the Preservation of America’s Heritage Abroad, 2010, the Old Jewish Cemetery is not in use and is in very poor condition. It also is written:

*It is almost impossible to locate the cemetery’s borders today, as there are no walls or fence and nearby housing developments have encroached upon the cemetery. New building continues to be a problem. There are approximately 500 gravestones still visible, but more may be toppled and out of view. The site does not have a regular caretaker and it has been neglected in recent years. The vegetation overgrowth is a constant problem which threatens the condition of the gravestones. The cemetery has also been a target of vandalism.*



Photo from  
the Old  
Jewish  
Cemetery of  
Rezina.

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“Jewish  
Heritage  
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Monuments  
in  
Moldova”.



**Christian Herrmann** who travelled extensively in Bessarabia and Moldova visited a number of towns in 2016 including Rezina. He wrote in his blog: “The Jewish cemetery of Rezina is the most dilapidated we’ve seen so far on our trip.” Here are several photos from his trip:



A view from the Old Rezina cemetery on the Dniester River and town of Rybnitsa on the other side.



Gravestones covered by trees and bushes.

Please read Herrmann’s blog “Back on the banks of River Dniester”:

<https://vanishedworld.wordpress.com/2016/03/27/back-on-the-banks-of-river-dniester/#more-2477>

The photos were published with the permission of **Christian Herrmann**.