

RZISCHEV:

The cemetery is located several miles outside the town on a beautiful bluff overlooking the Dneiper River, accessible via a dirt road. The cemetery, which is adjacent to a large private vegetable garden, includes a young grove of birch and a field. Neither plaque nor other memorials mark the area. Lying on the ground where children were buried was a small ulna [bone]. Three gravestones remain. One is face down in the field, the second one lying face up and very well preserved, and the third fallen over the cliff to rest along the river bank. This cemetery visited by Dan Kirschner & Davida Sky (with guide [Regina Kopilevich](#) & driver Dina Kopilevich) in August 1994. Contact person: Dan Kirschner, 135 Winchester St. #2, Newton, MA 02161, tel: 617-965-6839, kirschnd@bc.edu

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Alternate name: Ryzhishchev (Yiddish), Zhishchuv (German), Orzistchov (Hungarian), Rzyszczow (Polish), Rzhishcev (Russian) and Rchichtchev (Ukraine). Rzhishchev is located in Kievskaya at 49°58'31" N, 62 km from Kiev. Present town population is 25,001 - 100,000 with 11 - 100 Jews.

The earliest known Jewish community was 1847. 1939 Jewish population (census) was 1608. The Jewish cemetery was established in the 19th century with last known Hasidic burial 1970s. No other towns or villages used this unlandmarked cemetery. The isolated rural (agriculture) site has no sign or marker. Reached by turning directly off a public road, access is open to all. No wall, fence, or gate surrounds site. 1 to 20 common tombstones, none in original location, are more than 75% toppled or broken. The cemetery contains no known mass graves. The cemetery property is now used for agriculture (crops or animal grazing). Properties adjacent are other. No one visits. The cemetery was vandalized during World War II. There is no maintenance now. Within the limits of the cemetery are no structures. Vegetation overgrowth is a seasonal problem, preventing access.

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