

Bukovina Update □
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Jewish Bukovina
Resources for Family History Research

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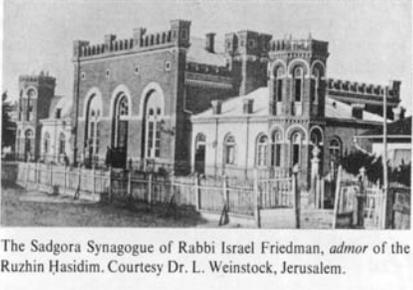



<http://www.shtetlinks.jewishgen.org/sadgura/ReischToronto.html>



Cz-L - The Czernowitz / Sadgura Discussion Group

- Started informally in 1997
- Became a formal listserv in 2002
- Now has 300+ members!
- Web site created in 2003
 - ◆ <czernowitz.ehpes.com>
- Family connections - many!
- Jewish history - 1st person perspective
- "Reunion 2006" held May 2006, in Chernivtsi, followed by a reunion in Israel, March 2007



The Sadgura Synagogue of Rabbi Israel Friedman, *admor* of the Ruzhin Hasidim. Courtesy Dr. L. Weinstock, Jerusalem.

From Encyclopedia Judaica



Radauti Cemetery Preservation/Indexing:
 See <http://www.radautz-jewishheritage.org>

1928
 Moische Schachter (left), great uncle of Bruce Reisch, shown next to his father's tombstone

1998
 Tombstone of Bruce Reisch's great grandfather, same as that pictured above left, 70 years later.

Czernowitz Cemetery Project

- JGS-Ottawa (with Canadian Natl. Archives) photographed all tombstones and burial registers, 2001/2002
- Computer entry of registers began 2003
- Database creation from tombstones - 2005 - present (ongoing)

*Vital records

- Romanian records are fairly complete
 - ◆ Judetel Archives in Suceava (info from Prof. Gyemant):
 - ✦ Radauti 1857~1887 birth and death, 1870-77 marriage
 - ✦ Suceava 1843-1894
 - ✦ Gura Humorului 1857-1909
 - ✦ Cimpulung 1857-1893
 - ✦ Vatra Dornei 1877-1887
 - ✦ Burdujeni 1860-1865
 - ◆ Many more recent records are in the local town halls
 - ◆ Access to Judetel archives is permitted, yet restricted
 - ✦ Visitors may view family documents only
 - ✦ Visitors must fill out request form for family records of interest
 - ✦ No access to full records for each town
 - ✦ Town halls *may* allow more access - varies from town to town

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- Records in Ukraine are **incomplete**
- See <http://www.rtrfoundation.org> for most complete information on archival resources in Ukraine
- Many records still exist for Czernowitz / Chernivtsi! Very few records are known for the rest of northern Bukovina.

How to access:

- Writing to archives: better success in Ukraine than Romania
- Personal visits - limitations
- Hire a professional - costly, but can be very productive
- Work with Chessed Shushana, Czernowitz (Natalie Pechonkina <pechh@sacura.net>)
- Others? - See list at:
<http://www.shtetlinks.jewishgen.org/sadgura/ReischToronto.html>

*Important *new* resource:

- ***New in 2007: Access to Czernowitz and Sadgora records via microfilm, Family History Library (here in Salt Lake City)***
- *Over 40 microfilm reels available*
- *Coverage includes selected records from Sadgora, births in "Czernowitz District" 1901-1923, and extensive sets of birth, marriage, and death records, plus indices, 1856-1940.*
- *Also includes "Public Records" 1780-1937 (105 microfilm reels of "Jewish Civil Documents")*

Other important resources:

- <http://www.bukowina.info/> - Excellent Historical and Photographic Resources
- Wiznitz 1895 directory: <http://tinyurl.com/2rnsj7>
- Romania 1924/1925 business directory and Directory of WWI Refugees from Bukovina:
Searchable via: www.kalter.org/search.php (thanks Logan Kleinwaks!)
- Yizkor Books
 - ◆ e.g. See memoirs of Rabbi Israel Harnik of Radauti on JewishGen's yizkor book web site
 - ◆ <http://www.jewishgen.org/Yizkor/Radauti/Radauti.html>
- Holocaust Databases
- Central Archives for the History of the Jewish People
- www.museumoffamilyhistory.com

ShtetLinks and similar pages



shtetlinks.jewishgen.org/radauti/radautz.html

shtetlinks.jewishgen.org/sadgura/sadgura.html

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So, . . . what else is new?

- New book on northern Bukovina being prepared
- Suceava and Siret cemetery projects being planned
- Czernowitz cemetery restoration contemplated, esp. in association with 600th Anniversary of Cz. in 2008

