

## Old Jewish cemetery was cleaned up in Logishin

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A few years ago, a low hillock behind the Logishinsky district hospital was covered with dense bushes. And not everyone in the village knew that an abandoned Jewish cemetery was located here.

This place looks very different today. The territory is fenced off with a metal fence, cleared of shrub vegetation, one and a half hundred tombstones made of natural stone look towards the road. Most of them are inscribed in ancient Hebrew - the language of the sacred books.

A team of researchers, specialist in cataloging Jewish cemeteries Julian Verkholevsky, culturologist, specialist in Hebraistics Sergei Kogalovsky, student of the Faculty of Philology of St. Petersburg State University, native of the city of Mogilev Olga Filipeni worked on the improvement of the old churchyard. Local residents helped them.

Initially, it was assumed that about 70 tombstones were hidden in the bush, grass and ground, and as a result, more than 160 tombstones were raised to the surface and installed in a vertical position.

According to Julian Verkholevsky, immigrants from Logishin, who left here before the Second World War and thus escaped the tragic fate of their fellow tribesmen during the Holocaust, are interested in the improvement of the cemetery. Today they see it as their duty to uphold the memory of their historical roots.

All the gravestones have been photographed, and a detailed map of their placement in the cemetery has been compiled. Ultimately, a catalog will be created, information about the Logishin cemetery will go to a special website on the Internet. The descendants of Logishin Jews, now living in various parts of the world, will be able to find out where their loved ones are buried.

You will be able to read the main part of the inscriptions, says Julian Verholevsky. Basically, these are the names and dates of death, there are the names of the settlement. All this is written down in a certain way, so a person who has the knowledge of reading such texts will not be difficult to decipher the inscriptions.

The oldest monument, the inscription on which it was possible to read directly on the spot, dates back to 1759. The most recent ones belong to the first half of the twentieth century. In fact, people were buried here until the outbreak of World War II.

Undoubtedly, the old cemetery will be interesting not only for Jews, but also for tourists, people interested in the history of the region. In fact, this is an object of historical and cultural value. There are no more similar burial places with so many tombstones in the Pinsk region.