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Last Jew in Pakistan Fights for Jewish Cemetery

Chaim Lev, Ari Yashar

Arutz Sheva 7 (Israelnationalnews.com), 29 December 2014

www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/189236#.VMUQ8f7F98E

-- Pakistan's only self-declared Jew is fighting an uphill battle to maintain Jewish cemetery from encroaching Muslim graveyard in Karachi.

Neo-Nazis desecrate Jewish cemetery in Greece

Tali Farkash

ynet news.com, 28 December 2014

www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4608752,00.html

-- Swastikas and slurs were sprayed on walls of historic graveyard in Larissa.

Headstones Smashed at Dutch Jewish Cemetery: Vandalism Comes Amid Rising Anti-Semitism

By JTA (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

The Jewish Daily Forward, 28 December 2014

forward.com/articles/211727/headstones-smashed-at-dutch-jewish-cemetery/

-- Two headstones were smashed at a Dutch Jewish cemetery in Vlissingen in the south of the Netherlands.

Jewish cemetery in Argentina vandalized

JTA (Jewish Telegraphic Agency), 8 December 2014

www.jta.org/2014/12/08/news-opinion/world/jewish-cemetery-in-argentina-vandalized

-- At least a dozen headstones were desecrated at the Jewish cemetery in Santiago del Estero, a city located 620 miles northeast of Buenos Aires.

Memorial garden created for members of Liverpool Old Hebrew Congregation lost in World Wars

Dan Kay

Liverpool Echo, 5 December 2014

www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/news/liverpool-news/memorial-garden-created-members-liverpool-8235782

-- A memorial garden has been created at the Broadgreen Jewish cemetery on Thomas Drive, dedicated to members of the congregation who lost their lives in the two World Wars.

Houdini's Grave at Jewish Cemetery to be Restored by Magicians

Rachel Shapiro

The Jewish Voice, 3 December 2014

jewishvoicenyc.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=9361:houdinis-grave-at-jewish-cemetery-to-be-restored-by-magicians&catid=108:jewcy-news&Itemid=291

-- A national magician society is working to finance the upkeep of the grave and plans to clean and recaulk the granite, give the mosaic a face lift and repair the damaged marker.

Belarus mayor promises to protect cemetery

Shyam Kumar

The JC.com (The Jewish Chronicle Online), 2 December 2014

www.thejc.com/news/world-news/126288/belarus-mayor-promises-protect-cemetery

-- The mayor of a Brest has promised to protect a Jewish cemetery that has been partly dug up by developers, with hundreds of tombstones recently discovered piled up near the construction site.

Rabbi Seeks to Bring Back Cave Burial

Gil Ronen

Arutz Sheva 7 (israelnationalnews.com), 1 December 2014

www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/188085

-- Head of Etzion Bloc Religious Council seeks to bring back Talmudic era custom of exhumation and use of ossuaries.

Heritage Award for Jewish Cemetery

Roz Tarszisz

J-Wire (Jewish Online from Australia, New Zealand and world-wide), 27 November 2014

www.jwire.com.au/heritage-award-jewish-cemetery/

-- The Friends of the Maitland Jewish Cemetery and Maitland City Council were recognized for their preservation of the cemetery with graves dating from 1849.

Some of the Lost History of the Jews is Hiding in Plain Sight in Poland

Sharona Schwartz

The Blaze, 27 November 2014

www.theblaze.com/stories/2014/11/27/how-polands-strongest-man-and-others-are-helping-to-reconstruct-the-lost-history-of-the-jews-some-of-which-is-hiding-in-plain-sight/

-- An account of a project currently underway in Poland to rescue lost Jewish tombstones plundered from Jewish cemeteries during and after World War II.

Central Poland town to turn Jewish cemetery into residential complex

By JTA (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Haaretz, 27 November 2014

<http://www.haaretz.com/jewish-world/jewish-world-news/1.628607>

-- The City Council in Grodzisk Mazowiecki held a public discussion on a prepared plan to develop the Jewish cemetery into a residential complex with underground parking.

Developer hopes Malibu cemetery plan won't rile slow-growth activists

Martha Groves

Los Angeles Times, 25 November 2014

www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-adv-malibu-cemetery-20141126-story.html

-- Proposed cemetery would not have headstones, but require GPS to locate burial sites.

Shalom, Venezuela: A Jewish Culture Guide

Sara Torvik

Shalom Life, 18 November 2014

www.shalomlife.com/culture/26984/shalom-venezuela-a-jewish-culture-guide/?PageSpeed=noscript

-- The first Jewish family settled in the town of Core in 1820, which has a Jewish cemetery with tombstones dating back to 1832.

Polish Firefighters Discover and Restore Jewish Gravestones From Beneath the 'Rubble of Memory'

The Algemeiner, 17 November 2014

www.algemeiner.com/2014/11/17/polish-firefighters-discover-and-restore-jewish-gravestones-from-beneath-the-rubble-of-memory-video/

-- In the Polish town of Rozpry, about 35 miles south of the city of Lodz, the local fire department recently came upon four Jewish headstones in a remote parkland.

Greek university, built on ruins of Jewish cemetery, unveils memorial

By JTA (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Haaretz, 10 November 2014

www.haaretz.com/jewish-world/jewish-world-news/1.625677

-- Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, partly built on the ruins of the city's historic Jewish cemetery, unveiled a memorial to the graveyard that was destroyed by the Nazis during their occupation.

Jewish Cemetery Desecrated in Hertfordshire UK

Moshe Cohen

Arutz Sheva 7 (israelnationalnews.com), 9 November 2014

www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/187244#.VII2mjHF-So

-- Vandals desecrated headstones in the Jewish section of a cemetery in Hertfordshire, UK.

Side Streets: Collection sheds light on Jewish life in Colorado Springs area

Bill Vogrin

The Gazette, 9 November 2014

gazette.com/side-streets-collection-sheds-light-on-jewish-life-in-colorado-springs-area/article/1541078

-- Story includes reference to the early Jews of Colorado Springs establishing a Jewish cemetery, the Sons of Israel Cemetery, on the south end of Evergreen Cemetery, where it remains today.

Volunteers clean Vienna Jewish Cemetery on Christian holiday All Souls Day

Jweekly.com, 6 November 2014

<http://www.jweekly.com/article/full/73087/volunteers-clean-vienna-jewish-cemetery-on-christian-holiday-all-souls-day/>

-- Volunteers participated in the annual cleanup of the neglected Waehringer Cemetery in Vienna.

Local Jewish History comes to life at cemetery walk

Jon Roisman

Jweekly.com, 6 November 2014

<http://www.jweekly.com/article/full/73140/local-jewish-history-comes-to-life-at-cemetery-walk/>

-- Actors portrayed historical luminaries during the 125th anniversary of the closure of San Francisco's cemeteries and their move to Colma. The event, sponsored by San Francisco Congregations Emanu-El and Sherith Israel, included side-by-side Jewish cemeteries.

How headstones from Jewish graves rebuilt a post-war European city.

Shyam Kumar

The JC.com (The Jewish Chronicle Online), 6 November 2014

<http://www.thejc.com/news/world-news/125183/how-headstones-jewish-graves-rebuilt-a-post-war-european-city>

-- An account of how the Communist authorities in Brest, Belarus, used Jewish gravestones as building materials to reconstruct the city.

US Jewish Mission Shocked by Mt. Of Olives ‘Horror’

Gil Ronen

Arutz Sheva 7 (israelnationalnews.com), 5 November 2014

<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/187047#.VFzbJqxOIEQ>

-- A visiting US Jewish group was shocked by what it saw during a guided tour of the Mount of Olives cemetery in Jerusalem, noting countless graves ripped open and tombstones lying broken and destroyed.

Jewish cemetery in Norway vandalized

JTA (Jewish Telegraphic Agency), 29 October 2014

<http://www.jta.org/2014/10/29/news-opinion/world/jewish-cemetery-in-norway-vandalized>

-- Several tombstones at the Jewish cemetery in Trondheim, in the northern part of the country, were vandalized with purple paint. A building was also painted with “Der Furher”.

Photo gallery: Beautiful but desolate Kerepesi Jewish cemetery, Budapest

Ruth Ellen Gruber

Jewish Journal, 23 October 2014

http://www.jewishjournal.com/enroute/item/photo_gallery_beautiful_but_desolate_kerepesi_jewish_cemetery_budapest

-- An account with photos of a visit to the Jewish cemetery on Salgotarjan Street which was founded in 1874 and is the oldest Jewish cemetery in the Pest side of Budapest.

Livermore: Alameda County’s first new Jewish cemetery in over a century consecrated

Jeremy Thomas

Contra Costa Times, 2 October 2014

www.contracostatimes.com/ci_26635502/livermore-alameda-countys-first-new-jewish-cemetery-over

-- When the new Magen David Memorial Gardens opens in 2015, it will be the first of its kind to be built in Alameda County in more than 100 years.

Fire Rips Through 18th Century Romania Jewish Cemetery

By JTA (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

The Jewish Daily Forward, 2 October 2014

forward.com/articles/206713/fire-rips-through-th-century-romania-jewish-ceme/

-- One of Romania's oldest Jewish cemeteries, the Jewish cemetery of Iasi, was hit by fire that consumed 20 hectares of its surface.

Larksville residents oppose new cemetery

James Halpin

citizensvoice.com (The Citizens' Voice), 14 September 2014

<http://citizensvoice.com/news/larksville-residents-oppose-new-cemetery-1.1752585>

-- A proposal for the first Muslim cemetery in Luzerne County (Pennsylvania) is met with opposition by local citizens concerned about traffic problems, water safety, and the number of graves that will occupy the site.

Sending the dead back to the land, naturally

Barbara Peters Smith, Sarasota Herald-Tribune

SFGate (San Francisco Chronicle), 13 September 2014

<http://www.sfgate.com/news/science/article/Sending-the-dead-back-to-the-land-naturally-5754418.php>

-- The Jewish burial of Stewart Kohn at the Prarie Creek Conservation Cemetery near Gainesville, Florida, follows the custom of placing an unembalmed body in a hand-dug grave, wrapped in a shroud or encased in a biodegradable container.

70 years after death in battle, Jewish soldier buried at Arlington

by JTA (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

The Times of Israel, 13 September 2014

<http://www.timesofisrael.com/70-years-after-death-in-battle-jewish-soldier-buried-at-arlington/>

-- Army Private First Class Daniel Garvin, declared missing in 1944, was laid to rest with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery in a Jewish ceremony. He had been part of the invasion of Saipan in June 1944.

Cherry Hill's Locustwood cemetery gets a makeover

William Sokolic, Courier-Post

Courier-Post, 12 September 2014

<http://www.courierpostonline.com/story/news/local/south-jersey/2014/09/12/cherry-hills-locustwood-cemetery-gets-makeover/15524919/>

-- Locustwood Memorial Park on Route 70 is undergoing a \$1.2 million renovation that will increase the number of niches; and add 348 more crypts in the mausoleum at the Garden of Jacob Jewish section.

In Azerbaijan anti-Semite vandals have destroyed entrance to Jewish cemetery

panorama.am, 12 September 2014

<http://www.panorama.am/en/society/2014/08/28/ikhilov/>

-- Vandals destroyed the black marble slab stationed on the entrance to the Jewish cemetery in Semaxi.

Roberta Bracker: In Nogales, Ariz., creating a rich Jewish family life and a caring community

Phyllis Braun

<http://azjewishpost.com/2014/roberta-bracker-in-nogales-ariz-creating-a-rich-jewish-family-life-and-a-caring-community/>

-- This account includes information about the 15 Jewish residents of Nogales, where Bracker maintains the Jewish cemetery, which has about 300 gravestones, with 50 burials.

Yom Hashoah service returns to Akron cemetery

Jason Cohen

Cleveland Jewish News, 11 September 2014

http://www.clevelandjewishnews.com/news/local/article_3bed6584-3905-11e4-844b-0019bb2963f4.html

-- The ceremony was held for the first time in more than a decade at the Workmen's Circle Cemetery to remember the victims of the Holocaust.

State archaeologist flooded with cemetery reviews: Discovery of Hastings remains sheds light on a quiet reality: lots of skeletons from the past

Libor Jany

StarTribune/south metro, 8 September 2014

<http://www.startribune.com/local/south/274318041.html>

-- Fast-paced development in Minnesota has resulted in the discovery of a growing number of unmarked burial sites being in a state with an estimated 10,000 cemeteries.

Secret jewels of Cheltenham's heritage to be open to the public this weekend

By Gloucestershire Echo

Gloucestershire Echo, 8 September 2014

<http://www.gloucestershireecho.co.uk/Secret-jewels-Cheltenham-s-heritage-open-public/story-22892497-detail/story.html>

-- A highlight of the weekend will be Cheltenham's historic Jewish cemetery, which opened in 1824.

Kerala court directs protection of Jewish synagogue

Press Trust of India

IBN Live, 6 September 2014

<http://ibnlive.in.com/news/kerala-court-directs-protection-of-jewish-synagogue/496780-62-126.html>

-- A court has directed the Kerala Tourism Development Corporation and local panchayat authorities not to make any alterations to the more than 1,000 year old synagogue and a Jewish Cemetery in Mala in the district. Kerala is a state in the south-west region of India on the Malabar coast.

Tracing Jewish History Along the Rhine

Peter Wortsman

The New York Times, 4 September 2014

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/09/07/travel/tracing-jewish-history-along-the-rhine.html?_r=0

-- This article includes a reference to Heiliger Sand Cemetery outside Worms.

Spain digging into Jewish past

Daniel Silva

The Times of Israel, 2 September 2014

<http://www.timesofisrael.com/spain-digging-into-jewish-past/>

-- Local authorities in Avila, Spain local authorities spend 250,000 euros to build the memorial garden on grounds of a medieval Jewish cemetery in what used to be an empty field behind a monastery.

Bringing Back B'nai David

Jackie Headaphol

Detroit Jewish News, JN, 1 September 2014

<http://www.thejewishnews.com/2014/09/11/bringing-back-bnai-david/>

-- Organizers launch Phase 2 of the cleanup of the historic B'nai David Cemetery on Van Dyke between Harper and McNichols in Detroit. The abandoned cemetery was overgrown with weeds, littered with garbage, and many headstones had fallen over.

Sheldon Kirshner: The tragedy of Lodz, 70 years later

Sheldon Kirshner, National Post

National Post, 30 August 2014

<http://fullcomment.nationalpost.com/2014/08/30/sheldon-kirshner-the-tragedy-of-lodz-70-years-later/>

-- This account of the Lodz ghetto includes a reference to the 40-hectare Jewish cemetery which opened in the late 19th century and now contains about 180,000 headstones. The cemetery is mostly overgrown with many headstones in a state of neglect.

Holocaust memorial erected in Polish Jewish cemetery

JTA (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

The Times of Israel, 29 August 2014

<http://www.timesofisrael.com/holocaust-memorial-erected-in-polish-jewish-cemetery/>

-- A Holocaust memorial was erected in the Jewish cemetery in Serock, Poland 25 miles north of Warsaw. No Jews currently live in Serock, a town of about 4,100.

Family stumbles upon Jewish gravestone on beach jetty: Who was Hannah Schnur, and how did her headstone end up on a Long Island beach?

Hillel Kuttler

The Times of Israel, 28 August 2014

<http://www.timesofisrael.com/family-stumbles-upon-jewish-gravestone-on-beach-jetty/>

-- A separate article in the *New York Post* said that the town of Babylon, where Oak Beach is located, utilized gravestones to reconstruct a jetty damaged during Hurricane Gloria in 1985.

Artist Roberto Mighty finds stories at Mt. Auburn cemetery

Kathleen Burge, Globe Staff

The Boston Globe, 28 August 2014

<http://www.bostonglobe.com/arts/theater-art/2014/08/28/alone-mount-auburn-cemetery-artist-roberto-mighty-looks-for-unkown-stories-dead/CMZScmLdLixrLA0imPRxAO/story.html>

-- Robert Mighty will spend 18 months documenting Mount Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge, Massachusetts. "I'm looking at the graves of Persian people, Chinese people, Jewish people, African-Americans, Boston Brahmins, and all sorts of Americans, 'Mighty said'."

In the Spirit of Summer Memories

Alice Eler

Hyperallergic, 22 August 2014

<http://hyperallergic.com/145106/in-the-spirit-of-summer-memory/>

-- A description of exhibits at a five-person group show at Aran Cravey Gallery in Los Angeles. Hailey Loman's contributions to the show include "Hillside Memorial", and "Jewish Dead Lie Forgotten in East L.A. Graves"

Jewish community condemns desecration of Muslim graves

Asian image reporter

AsianImage, 22 August 2014

http://www.asianimage.co.uk/news/11427393.Jewish_community_condemns_desecration_of_Muslim_graves/?ref=rss

-- Members of Jewish community have said they are horrified after racist yobs targeted graves in a Muslim section of a cemetery. Vandals uprooted headstones, trampled on flowers and kicked over memorials in Chadderton Cemetery in Manchester.

Cemetery Given to Jews by Kochi Diwan

Shevlin Sebastian

The New Indian Express, 20 August 2014

<http://www.newindianexpress.com/states/kerala/Cemetery-Given-to-Jews-by-Kochi-Diwan/2014/08/20/article2388612.ece>

-- An account of the one-acre cemetery given to the Jews in 1946 by the British through R K Shanmukham Chetty, the Diwan of the erstwhile Kingdom of Kochi.

From the depths of Poland's soil, Nazi victims reclaimed

Amanda Borschel-Dan

The Times of Israel, 19 August 2014

<http://www.timesofisrael.com/from-the-depths-of-polands-soil-nazi-victims-reclaimed/>

-- Holocaust-memorializing organization finds a mass grave of 2,000 Jews, as it hurries to discover unmarked remains and repurposed gravestones before last eyewitnesses to crimes perish.

Ukrainian court nixes controversial Jewish heritage project: Ruling issued against Lviv municipality's plans to commemorate three Jewish sites instead of restoring them

By JTA (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

The Times of Israel, 16 August 2014

<http://www.timesofisrael.com/ukrainian-court-nixes-controversial-jewish-heritage-project/>

-- The three sites were Lviv's old Jewish quarter, the city's 14th century Jewish cemetery which is used as a market square, and a former Nazi camp.

Iran's Cradle-to-Grave Persecution

Hussein Ahdieh

Iran Press Watch, 15 August 2014

<http://iranpresswatch.org/post/10680/>

-- The author tells of his aunt's burial site in Shiraz at risk of being destroyed along with 900 other graves of the religious minority Baha'i to make way for a sports complex.

Volunteers Help To Clean Up Greece Cemetery Hit By Vandals

Tara Grimes

TimeWarnerCable News (Rochester), 15 August 2014

<http://rochester.twcnews.com/content/news/761301/volunteers-help-to-clean-up-greece-cemetery-hit-by-vandals/>

-- "Vandals struck Britton Road Cemetery in the town of Greece in late June, and on Friday morning, a handful of volunteers helped to clean up the mess left behind."

Warsaw Will Return 1000 Gravestones to Jewish Cemetery

Stephanie Butnick

Tablet Magazine, 15 August 2014

<http://www.tabletmag.com/scroll/182323/warsaw-will-return-1000-gravestones-to-jewish-cemetery>

-- The city of Warsaw announced plans to recover 1000 gravestones, or matzevot, that were taken from the city's Jewish cemetery and used to build part of a pergola and stairs at a park in Warsaw's Praga district.

Vandals strike Jewish cemetery in Greece

David Andreatta

D&C Democrat & Chronicle, 14 August 2014

<http://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2014/08/13/vandals-strike-jewish-cemetery-greece/14026527/>

-- 40 headstones were toppled over two nights last month at the Britton Road Cemetery in Greece, New York.

Rich past lies beneath Montrealers' feet: From huge cemeteries to ancient burial grounds, there is much history to be discovered in Montreal's graveyards

Danielle Murray

The Gazette (montrealgazette.com), 30 July 2014

<http://www.montrealgazette.com/Rich+past+lies+beneath+Montrealers+feet/10075663/story.html>

-- An article on the 55 cemeteries in Montreal, including two Jewish burial grounds opened by the Shaar Hashomayim Congregation and the Shearith Israel Synagogue in the 1860's, as well as the Temple Emanu-El Cemetery located within the Mount Royal Cemetery grounds.

How Much Should Non-Members Pay For A Plot in Synagogue Cemetery": Grieving Dad Told To Fork Over \$4K in Back Dues

Josh Nathan-Kazis

The Jewish Daily Forward, 29 July 2014

<http://forward.com/articles/202762/how-much-should-non-members-pay-for-a-plot-in-syna/>

-- Story of a synagogue charging a father back dues as a condition to bury his daughter in the synagogue owned cemetery.

After 50 years, VA headstone replaced to reflect vet's Jewishness

JTA (Jewish Telegraphic Agency), 29 July 2014

<http://www.jta.org/2014/07/29/news-opinion/united-states/after-50-years-va-headstone-replaced-to-reflect-vets-jewishness>

-- The gravestone for a WWII soldier buried in the Veterans Affairs National Cemetery in Milwaukee was replaced with Jewish headstone to replace the Christian gravestone placed almost 50 years ago. Memorials cannot be modified after 50 years according to Veterans Affairs rules.

Police charge boy over cemetery desecration

The JC.com (The Jewish Chronicle Online), 29 July 2014

<http://www.thejc.com/news/uk-news/120959/police-charge-boy-over-cemetery-desecration>

-- A 13-year old boy was charged with criminal damage after 50 graves were vandalized in Manchester's Blackley cemetery over a two week period.

Reb Zalman's Unique Funeral

Sara Davidson

The Huffington Post, 27 July 2014

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/sara-davidson/reb-zalmans-unique-funeral_b_5624925.html

-- The writer describes the unconventional burial in Boulder's Green Mountain Cemetery.

Community's first settlers date to 1789

Laurenne Ramsdell

Foster's Daily Democrat (fosters.com), 27 July 2014

http://www.fosters.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20140727/GJNEWS_01/140729508

-- An account of Portsmouth, New Hampshire's first Jewish residents, which includes information on the first Jewish cemetery on what is now known as Banfield Road, the Temple of Israel Cemetery.

Slavyansk's grave reveals Ukraine's wounds

Cemetery excavations reveal complicated Jamaican Jewish past

Maayan Jaffe

Heritage Florida Jewish News, 25 July 2014

<http://www.heritagefl.com/story/2014/07/25/news/cemetery-excavations-reveal-complicated-jamaican-jewish-past/3085.html>

-- An account of the Jamaican Jewish cemetery project efforts to collection human stories based on information found in cemeteries and from inscriptions on gravestones.

Massachusetts Jewish cemetery vandalized: Damage is estimated at about \$15,000

By JTA (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

The Times of Israel, 24 July 2014

<http://www.timesofisrael.com/mass-jewish-cemetery-vandalized/>

-- Vandals toppled 19 gravestones at the Worcester Hebrew Cemetery.

Reward increased in Auburn cemetery vandalism

George Barnes

telegram.com, 24 July 2014

<http://www.telegram.com/article/20140724/NEWS/307249570/1116>

-- A reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those involved in the latest vandalism at Worcester Hebrew Cemetery has been increased to \$1,000. Vandals tipped over or smashed 19 gravestones in the 118-year old cemetery last weekend.

Preserving the remains of Jewish history in Ernakulam

Nidhi Surendranath

The Hindu, 22 July 2014

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Kochi/preserving-the-remains-of-jewish-history-in-ernakulam/article6235999.ece>

-- The State Department of Archaeology has started procedures to declare the Kadavumbhagom synagogue at Ernakulam and the Jewish Cemetery near Kathrikadavu as protected structures.

Bill making cemetery desecration a violation of religious freedom passes Senate panel

Marcy Oster

St. Louis Jewish Light, 17 July 2014

http://www.stljewishlight.com/news/world/article_3662fb6c-5731-54e8-a00e-7e7b8d7cff2c.html

-- A bill that would make desecration of cemeteries around the world a violation of religious freedom was adopted by the United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee on 16 July 2014.

Cemetery sued for overselling burial plots

Rebecca Guterman

The Intelligencer, 15 July 2014

http://www.theintell.com/news/local/cemetery-sued-for-overselling-burial-plots/article_75f55198-45eb-5091-b452-f871f9b5d5ce.html

-- An account of a U.S. District Court lawsuit brought against Service Corporation International (SCI), which operates Shalom Memorial Park in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

No peace for some at Shalom Memorial Park

William Bender

philly.com, 15 July 2014

http://articles.philly.com/2014-07-15/news/51492156_1_jewish-cemetery-burial-plot-funeral

-- An account of problems at the Shalom Memorial Park Jewish cemetery and the parent company doing business as Dignity Memorial.

Being a Jew in ‘Bombingham’ Alabama

Anne Cohen and Sigal Samuel

The Jewish Daily Forward, 14 July 2014

<http://blogs.forward.com/forward-thinking/202023/being-a-jew-in-bombingham-alabama/>

-- Discusses the Jewish and African American communities of Birmingham and references Birmingham’s old Jewish cemetery with graves dating to the 1870’s.

Home of Eternity: So Cal’s oldest Jewish cemetery

Donald H. Harrison

San Diego Jewish World, 14 July 2014

<http://www.sdjewishworld.com/2014/07/14/50350/>

-- An account of a visit to the oldest Jewish cemetery in continuous use in Southern California.

Art in the Headstone

Rebecca Kitchen

KOLO TV8, 8 July 2014

<http://www.kolotv.com/home/headlines/Art-in-the-H-266206581.html>

-- The Historic Reno Preservation Society will host a cemetery tour as part of Artown. Reno’s Hebrew Cemetery, located on a hill behind the University, will be included in the tour.

Gay, Jewish, Mentally Ill, and a Sponsor of Gypsies in Romania

Andrew Solomon

The New Yorker, 7 July 2014

<http://www.newyorker.com/books/page-turner/gay-jewish-mentally-ill-and-a-sponsor-of-gypsies-in-romania>

-- Article includes an account of a visit to the Jewish cemetery in Dorohoi, Romania that is described as being “in a state of profound neglect”.

Religion played major role in Attleboro’s development

Laura Calverley

The Sun Chronicle, 6 July 2014

http://www.thesunchronicle.com/news/local_news/religion-played-major-role-in-attleboro-s-development/article_d5087f2f-889d-5eb4-99be-35170f4b410c.html

-- The article details the history of the Congregation Agudas Achim, including how the Jewish community purchased land off South Main Street in the city’s Dodgeville district in 1909 and dedicated the Dodgeville Hebrew Cemetery.

Hope for the future in Brno’s Jewish cemetery

Chris Bowlby

BBC News Magazine, 3 July 2014

<http://www.bbc.com/news/magazine-28143917>

-- An account of a visit to the cemetery not far from Vienna, Austria.

Heartless thieves steal turf from Liverpool cemetery: Volunteers have issued a cry for help to replace the turf

Aaron Cole

Liverpool Echo, 2 July 2014

<http://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/news/liverpool-news/heartless-thieves-steal-turf-historic-7362294>

-- Someone has entered the Deane Road Jewish Cemetery in Kensington and taken the turf from the top of the graves.

Thousands Beat Path to Queens Cemetery to Remember a Jewish Leader: Commemorating 20th Anniversary of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson's Death

Matt Flegenheimer

The New York Times, 1 July 2014

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/07/02/nyregion/thousands-descend-on-queens-to-mourn-rabbi-menachem-mendel-schneerson.html?_r=0

-- More than 50,000 people were expected to visit on Monday night and Tuesday arriving by cars, buses, subway and rail to the Old Montefiore Cemetery in Queens.

In Poland, a renewal of memory from Rychwal to Belzec

Ruth Ellen Gruber

JN jewish news (jewishaz.com), 1 July 2014

http://www.jewishaz.com/us_worldnews/world/in-poland-a-renewal-of-memory-from-rychwal-to-belzec/article_2ab3f65c-018d-11e4-8b72-0017a43b2370.html

-- An account of two events in Poland—one to dedicate a monument at the site of the destroyed Jewish cemetery in a small town called Rychwal, in central Poland; another the international event marking the 10th anniversary of the dedication of a memorial at the site of the Nazi death camp at Belzec, on the Ukrainian border in southeast Poland.

Downtown cemeteries date from late 1870s

Susan Skorupa

RGJ, Reno Gazette-Journal, 1 July 2014

<http://www.rgj.com/story/life/2014/07/02/downtown-cemeteries-date-late-s/11905481/>

-- Reference to Hebrew cemetery in the university district north of downtown Reno and dating from the late 1870's.

Two Teenagers Arrested for Defacing Jewish Cemetery in England: Manchester Graves Toppled, Painted With Swastikas

By JTA

The Jewish Daily Forward, 30 June 2014

<http://forward.com/articles/201035/two-teenagers-arrested-for-defacing-jewish-cemetery/#>

-- Two teenagers have been arrested for vandalizing a Jewish cemetery in Manchester, England. Damages are estimated at \$170,000.

Jewish Cemetery in Salonika Attacked

The Yeshiva World News, 2 June 2014

<http://www.theyeshivaworld.com/news/headlines-breaking-stories/236572/jewish-cemetery-in-salonika-attacked.html>

-- Vases and ornaments were smashed and damaged, while Greek Foreign Minister Venizelos stated that authorities will do everything possible to apprehend those responsible.

Greek Vandals Hit Jewish Cemetery in Thessaloniki: Study Claims Most Anti-Semitic Country in Europe

By JTA (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

The Jewish Daily Forward, 31 May 2014

<http://forward.com/articles/199242/greek-vandals-hit-jewish-cemetery-in-thessaloniki/>

-- Vandals cut through the fence of the cemetery, smashed vases and ornaments, and knocked over several headstones and plaques.

Boy Scouts 'shine' Jewish cemetery

Heritage Florida Jewish News, 30 May 2014

<http://www.heritagefl.com/story/2014/05/30/news/boy-scouts-shine-jewish-cemetery/2789.html>

-- Scout Troop 641 clean headstones in Temple Israel's cemetery in Gotha.

House Makes Global Cemetery Desecration A Violation of Religious Freedom: Protect Cemeteries Act Must Now Face Senate Approval

By JTA (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

The Jewish Daily Forward, 30 May 2014

<http://forward.com/articles/199172/house-makes-global-cemetery-desecration-a-violation/>

-- The U.S. House of Representatives adopted legislation that makes the desecration of cemeteries around the world a violation of religious freedom. The "Protect Cemeteries Act" amends the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998, and must be approved by the U.S. Senate to become law.

Four New Bedford cemeteries make National Register of Historic Places

Curt Brown

SouthCoastToday, 29 May 2014

<http://www.southcoasttoday.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20140529/NEWS/405290340>

-- The Jewish cemetery in New Bedford, Massachusetts is one of four cemeteries in the town recently added to the National Register of Historic Places.

Protect Cemeteries Act Praised by Group Preserving Poland's Desecrated Jewish Grave Sites

Shiryn Ghermezian

the algemeiner (Algemeiner.com), 29 May 2014

<http://www.algemeiner.com/2014/05/29/protect-cemeteries-act-praised-by-group-preserving-polands-desecrated-jewish-grave-sites/>

-- Support expressed for U.S. Representative Grace Meng's legislation which classifies the desecration of cemeteries—including Jewish cemeteries across the globe—a violation of religious freedom.

How diversity has changed the way we handle our dead

Isabel Teotonio and Megan Ogilvie

Caledon enterprise.com, 29 May 2014

<http://www.caledonenterprise.com/living-story/4545960-how-diversity-has-changed-the-way-we-handle-our-dead/>

-- Includes references to Jewish burial practices.

Why nobody's buried beneath this tombstone in the middle of Northern Liberties

Paulina Reso

citypaper (Philadelphia), 29 May 2014

<http://citypaper.net/article.php?Why-nobody-s-buried-beneath-this-tombstone-in-the-middle-of-Northern-Liberties-20433>

-- Account of a 90 year old baby's tombstone in a small grassy lot in Pennsylvania.

Shalom, Nicaragua: A Jewish Culture Guide

Sarah Bauder

ShalomLife, 27 May 2014

<http://www.shalomlife.com/culture/23699/shalom-nicaragua-a-jewish-culture-guide/>

-- Article includes reference to and photo of the Jewish cemetery in Managua.

American military Memorial Day marks 70th anniversary

Heledd Pritchard

Luxemburger Wort, 25 May 2014

<http://www.wort.lu/en/community/military-cemetery-american-military-memorial-day-marks-70th-anniversary-5381f0b8b9b398870802ae9f>

-- An account of the 2014 commemoration with reference to the 118 graves of Jewish soldiers.

Museum Trivializes the Jewish Giant

Sabine Heinlein

tabletmag.com, 23 May 2014

<http://www.tabletmag.com/jewish-arts-and-culture/173679/jewish-museum-giant-arbus>

-- Article includes a reference to the Jewish cemetery in the Bavarian town of Baiersdorf.

Camborne-born author releases book documenting Cornwall's Jewish community

wbchris

West Briton, 23 May 2014

<http://www.westbriton.co.uk/Camborne-born-author-releases-book-documenting/story-21133585-detail/story.html>

-- Publication of a 700-page book covers 30 years of research and study of Cornwall's Jews.

-- The Jews Of Cornwall – A History – Tradition And Settlement To 1913 by Keith Pearce, Halsgrove, ISBN 978 0 85704 222 4.

'Thank you, sir': Veteran says placing flags on military graves 'humbling'

Amanda Steen

Herald-Standard, 23 May 2014

http://www.heraldstandard.com/new_today/thank-you-sir-veteran-says-placing-flags-on-military-graves/article_57176177-167b-5cfb-b4d0-57488ccf7931.html

-- Account of volunteers from the George C. Marshall Post 103 of AMVETS, placing American flags on veteran gravestones in in southwestern Pennsylvania, including Jewish Holy Society Cemetery.

"A Testament To Freedom": Baltimore-born filmmaker commemorates World War II Memorial

Lisa Traiger

JT (The Baltimore Jewish Times), 22 May 2014

<http://jewishtimes.com/23376/a-testament-to-freedom/#.U43MvDYpDEQ>

-- Account of filmmaker Glenn Marcus.

Veterans groups enlist volunteers to help mark graves

Allison Goodrich

The Register-Mail, 22 May 2014

<http://www.galesburg.com/article/20140522/NEWS/140529917/1273/FRONTPAGE>

-- Volunteers, organized by the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, place American flags on veterans graves in every Galesburg, Illinois area cemetery including Brookside Jewish Cemetery.

When Auschwitz Was a Jewish Town: Town Was a Polish Center of Orthodox Life Until Nazis Came

Anna Goldenberg

The Jewish Daily Forward, 21 May 2014

<http://forward.com/articles/198520/when-auschwitz-was-a-jewish-town/>

-- According to a reproduction of a document displayed at a new exhibit at the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York, Polish nobleman Jan Piotraszewski donated land to the Jewish community of Auschwitz (Oswiecim) to build a synagogue and a cemetery.

Lawsuit Accuses Cemetery of Overlapping Burial Plots

Barbara S. Rothschild, JE Feature

Jewish Exponent, 20 May 2014

<http://www.jewishexponent.com/headlines/2014/05/lawsuit-accuses-cemetery-of-overlapping-burial-plots>

-- A class-action complaint was filed on 12 May 2014 in the Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas accusing Shalom Memorial Park of knowingly overselling grave plots, resulting in overlapping graves, and selling the same plot to different parties.

The Martha's Vineyard of France

Hilary Larson

The Jewish Week (New York), 20 May 2014

<http://www.thejewishweek.com/features/travel/marthas-vineyard-france>

-- "La Rochelle is home to a modern-day congregation that offers regular services and communal activities, as well as a historic Jewish cemetery."

Winnipeg Jewish Cemetery Desecrated

Arutz Sheva 7 (israelnationalnews.com), 19 May 2014

http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/Flash.aspx/293569#.U4yB_DYpDbI

-- Vandals broke down part of the fence and smashed tombstones in Winnipeg's Jewish cemetery causing an estimated \$60,000 worth of damage.

Jewish Federation seeks volunteers for cemetery cleanup Sunday

Roxanne Washington, The Plain Dealer

Cleveland.com, 16 May 2014

http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2014/05/jewish_federation_seeks_volunt.html

-- Volunteers sought to help spruce up historic Lansing Cemetery, which was established in 1890 and is owned by seven Cleveland synagogues.

On Faith: Holocaust victim's ashes to be interred in Durham Hebrew Cemetery

Flo Johnston

The Durham News, 13 May 2014

<http://www.thedurhamnews.com/2014/05/13/3856055/on-faith-holocaust-victims-ashes.html>

-- "Nearly 70 years after the liberation of the World War II Dachau death camp, ashes of some of its victims will be interred in the Durham Hebrew Cemetery."

Milwaukee Jewish cemetery is first in state for natural burials

Annysa Johnson of the Journal Sentinel

Journal Sentinel (Milwaukee, Wisconsin), 12 May 2014

<http://www.jsonline.com/news/religion/milwaukee-jewish-cemetery-is-first-in-state-for-natural-burials-b99266730z1-258842891.html>

-- "Greenwood Cemetery on Milwaukee's south side has become the first Jewish cemetery in the state to set aside land for natural burials."

Visiting cemeteries: The living dead

Farahnaz Zahidi

The Express Tribune (with the International New York Times), 11 May 2014

<http://tribune.com.pk/story/705384/visiting-cemeteries-the-living-dead/>

-- References the Jewish part of Montparnasse Cemetery.

Mumbai's Jewish heritage attracts foreign tourists

Nergish Sunavala, TNN

The Times of India (Mumbai), 11 May 2014

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mumbai/Mumbais-Jewish-heritage-attracts-foreign-tourists/articleshow/34948128.cms>

-- This article discusses Mumbai Jewish tours consisting of visits to synagogues, cemeteries, and monuments built with Jewish funds.

Jewish cemetery vandalized

By MTI

Politics.hu, 10 May 2014

<http://www.politics.hu/20140510/jewish-cemetery-vandalised/>

-- Over 50 graves have been vandalized in the Jewish cemetery in Szikszó in north-eastern Hungary. The cemetery has been closed since World War II.

100 Orthodox rabbis want Mount of Olives cemetery to be protected against ongoing Arab vandalism

San Diego Jewish World, 9 May 2014

<http://www.sdjewishworld.com/2014/05/09/100-orthodox-rabbis-want-mount-olives-cemetery-protected-ongoing-arab-vandalism/>

-- Refers to the 3,000 year old Mount of Olives (Har HaZeitim) cemetery, which is the oldest Jewish cemetery in the world.

'Amnesia' draws line from shtetl Jew to Latino experience

Alix Wall

Jweekly.com, 8 May 2014

<http://www.jweekly.com/article/full/71575/amnesia-draws-line-from-shtetl-jews-to-latino-experience/>

-- Reference and link to account of the restoration of the Jewish cemetery in Lubca, Belarus.

'I was the only Jew at Polish massacre memorial'

Orlando Radice,

The JC.com (The Jewish Chronicle Online), 6 May 2014

<http://www.thejc.com/news/world-news/117873/i-was-only-jew-polish-massacre-memorial%E2%80%99>

-- The article references a desire to restore the Jewish cemetery in Konskie, Poland, even though the site has been built on since World War II.

Jews, Cape Verdeans from bonds at shared seder

Akilah Johnson, Globe Staff

The Boston Globe, 22 April 2014

<http://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2014/04/21/two-communities-cape-verdean-and-jewish-unite-celebrate-shared-heritage/cwSZzN7w7xMgazc8H1NIIJ/story.html>

-- Article references the several small Jewish cemeteries that remain throughout the West African island nation of Cape Verde, and on the islands of Boa Vista and Santo Antao.

Jews urged to flee Ukraine by Holocaust Survivor

Marco Giannageli

Express (Daily Express), 20 April 2014

<http://www.express.co.uk/news/world/471422/Jews-urged-to-flee-Ukraine-by-Holocaust-survivor>

-- Article references events in the city of Donetsk, Ukraine including the distribution of leaflets with anti-Jewish slogans, and swastikas daubed on houses and a Jewish cemetery in Odessa, Ukraine.

Visiting loved ones at Beth Olem cemetery is complicated

Michigan Radio (michiganradio.org), 15 April 2014

<http://michiganradio.org/post/visiting-loved-ones-beth-olem-cemetery-complicated>

-- The cemetery is hidden within GM's Poletown plant, and is only open to the public two days a year.

Vandals Desecrate Jewish Cemetery in Hungary

Elad Benari, Canada

Arutz Sheva 7 (www.IsraelNationalNews.com), 14 April 2014

<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/178511#.U0r14ZtOUmg>

-- Swastikas and "Smelly Jews" spray-painted on tombstones of Jewish cemetery in Tatabanya, Hungary.

Revolution roots to a Jewish cemetery in Center City

philly.com, 13 April 2014

http://www.philly.com/philly/opinion/20140413_Revolution_roots_to_a_Jewish_cemetery_in_Center_City.html

-- Article about Mikveh Israel Cemetery, which serves as the oldest record of a permanent Jewish community in Philadelphia.

Travel: Jews turn new chapter, return to seat of Holocaust in Berlin

Denis D. Gray, Associated Press

The Commercial Appeal, 13 April 2014

<http://www.commercialappeal.com/news/2014/apr/13/eye-to-future-past/>

-- Article on the resurgence of a Jewish population in Berlin, reference is made to a 17th century Jewish Cemetery burial site of some 12,000 that was destroyed by the Nazis in 1943.

Nebraska Holocaust commemoration set for April 27

Lincoln Journal Star, 13 April 2014

http://journalstar.com/news/local/nebraska-holocaust-commemoration-set-for-april/article_bd16f3c2-e81f-5d90-9a7d-e9354f89b91b.html

-- Docents will lead tours, 1-2:30pm, at the State Holocaust Memorial at Wyuka Cemetery.

A place of their own: Making a Jewish cemetery in Lima

Greg Hoersten, TLNinfo@civitasmedia.com

limaohio.com, 12 April 2014

<http://www.limaohio.com/news/lifestyle/920610/A-place-of-their-own:-Making-a-Jewish-cemetery-in-Lima>

-- Historical account of the creation of a Jewish cemetery in Lima, Ohio (USA).

Ukraine Holocaust monument vandalized with swastikas

By JTA (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Haaretz, 10 April 2014

<http://www.haaretz.com/jewish-world/jewish-world-news/1.584923>

-- Amid accusations of anti-Semitism between Russia, Ukraine, wall of Odessa Jewish cemetery defaced with inscription: "Death to the Jews."

Temple Seeks Cemetery Expansion

T.E. McMorrow

The East Hampton Star, 10 April 2014

<http://easthamptonstar.com/News/2014410/Temple-Seeks-Cemetery-Expansion>

-- Jewish burial laws at odds with town rules governing Adas Israel property.

Polish volunteers rally to save flooded Jewish cemetery

Daniel Siryoti

Israel Hayom, 10 April 2014

http://www.israelhayom.com/site/newsletter_article.php?id=16785

-- A flooded river overflows into nearby Jewish cemetery, ruining tombstones and causing skeletons to resurface from graves; volunteers work to collect bones and transport them to Warsaw for a Jewish burial.

Centuries of Judaica From Muslim Lands in Middle East

Eve M. Kahn

The New York Times, 10 April 2014

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/04/11/arts/design/centuries-of-judaica-from-muslim-lands-in-middle-east.html?_r=0

-- Artifacts from Sephardic Jews who fled Muslim countries, typically with few possessions in hand, are reemerging and being reunited in virtual and tangible forms.

Hungarian Jewish Leader Resigns To Protect State's Holocaust Commemorations

The Jewish Week (New York), 10 April 2014

<http://www.thejewishweek.com/news/international/hungarian-jewish-leader-resigns-protest-states-holocaust-commemorations>

-- Szombat, the Hungarian Jewish newspaper, published an article alleging that Gusztav Zoltai quit because of financial irregularities connected with Budapest's main Jewish cemetery on Kozma Street and other affairs.

100-year-old headstones vandalized at historic Richmond cemetery

Scott Wise

CBS6 WTRV.com (Richmond, VA), 9 April 2014

<http://wtvr.com/2014/04/09/hebrew-cemetery-vandalism/>

-- Unknown person(s) knocked over and destroyed six headstones at the Hebrew Cemetery at 400 Hospital Street in Richmond, Virginia.

Holocaust Memorial Defaced in Ukraine

Ari Soffer

Arutz Sheva (www.IsraelNationalNews.com), 9 April 2014

<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/179466#.U0r43ptOUmg>

-- Neo-Nazis desecrate memorial, Jewish cemetery; incident raises fear of post-revolution anti-Semitic surge.

Country's First Jewish Cemetery Inaugurated

Simon Henderson

The Cambodian Daily, 8 April 2014

<http://www.cambodiadaily.com/news/countrys-first-jewish-cemetery-inaugurated-56019/>

-- The Chabad Jewish Center in Phnom Penh held a ceremony in Kandal province to inaugurate Cambodia's first Jewish cemetery there. A 56-year-old Israeli man became the first person to be interred at the new site.

Lawsuit claims Jewish cemetery had false advertising, deceptive sales

Lisa J. Huriash, Sun Sentinel

SunSentinel, 7 April 2014

[http://articles.sun-sentinel.com/2014-04-07/news/fl-lawsuit-jewish-cemetery-](http://articles.sun-sentinel.com/2014-04-07/news/fl-lawsuit-jewish-cemetery-20140407_1_jewish-cemetery-david-memorial-gardens-cemetery-southwest-ranches)

[20140407_1_jewish-cemetery-david-memorial-gardens-cemetery-southwest-ranches](http://articles.sun-sentinel.com/2014-04-07/news/fl-lawsuit-jewish-cemetery-20140407_1_jewish-cemetery-david-memorial-gardens-cemetery-southwest-ranches)

-- Report of a cemetery owned by a company that is the subject of several lawsuits across the country being sued by a woman who alleges it did not adhere to Jewish laws and customs as promised in its advertising.

Jewish gravestones found in Polish house's ceiling

By JTA (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

The Times of Israel, 2 April 2014

<http://www.timesofisrael.com/jewish-gravestones-found-in-polish-homes-ceiling/>

-- Markers used to build basement said to have come from town's destroyed cemetery.

Shalom, Croatia: A Jewish Culture Guide

Sarah Bauder

ShalomLife, 1 April 2014

<http://www.shalomlife.com/culture/22645/shalom-croatia-a-jewish-culture-guide/>

-- "There has been a Jewish presence in what is present-day Croatia since the first centuries of the Common Era. Archeological excavations have found remains of a Jewish cemetery near Split dating to the 3rd century C.E."

Can we scatter our father's ashes in our garden?

Rabbi Naftali Brawer, CEO of the Spiritual Capital Foundation

The JC.com (The Jewish Chronicle Online), 31 March 2014

<http://www.thejc.com/judaism/rabbi-i-have-a-problem/117049/can-we-scatter-our-fathers-ashes-our-garden>

-- Discusses the disposition of ashes when a Jew is cremated, which is a direct violation to Jewish law.

Historic Coming Street Cemetery marks its 250th Anniversary

Robert Behre

The Post and Courier, 22 March 2014

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140322/PC1207/140329815>

-- Story about the Coming Street Cemetery, the oldest surviving Jewish burial ground in the South, located in Charleston, South Carolina between Morris and Cannon streets.

Vandals Desecrate Jewish Cemetery in Hungary: Swastikas and "Smelly Jews" spray-painted on tombstones of Jewish cemetery in Tatbanya, Hungary

Elad Benari, Canada

Arutz Sheva 7 (www.IsraelNationalNews.com), 14 March 2014

-- Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban has pledged to fight anti-Semitism, which he said was "unacceptable and intolerable," but has been criticized for not doing enough.

Temple Seeks Cemetery Expansion

T.E. McMorrow

The East Hampton Star, 10 April 2014

<http://easthamptonstar.com/News/2014410/Temple-Seeks-Cemetery-Expansion>

-- Jewish burial laws at odds with town rules governing Adas Israel property.

Jewish cemetery placed on heritage register

ABC News (Australia), 10 March 2014

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-03-10/jewish-cemetery-placed-on-heritage-register/5309038?§ion=news>

-- The state's largest Jewish cemetery in East Maitland (NSW, Australia) will be better protected for future generations after being placed on the heritage register.

Increasingly, French Jews Opt for Burial in Israel

Lisa Bryan

Voice of America, 9 March 2014

<http://www.voanews.com/content/increasingly-french-jews-opt-for-burial-in-israel/1867511.html>

-- Reasons include better climate, and a confluence of religious, financial and practical considerations, including the fact that many cemeteries are filling up.

The Prisoner X case highlights why Australians deserve more transparency: Australia has many secrets which are hidden for good reasons.

Rafael Epstein

theguardian, 9 March 2014

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2014/mar/10/the-prisoner-x-case-highlights-why-australians-deserve-more-transparency>

-- An article regarding the suicide of Melbourne (Australia) Ben Zygier, also known as "Prisoner X" in a high security Israeli jail cell in 2010 – Zygier is buried at Chevra Kadisha Jewish Cemetery in Melbourne, Australia.

Jewish Gravestones Destroyed in Poland: Just months after Myslowice restored the town's Jewish Cemetery

Stephanie Butnick

Tablet Magazine, 7 March 2014

<http://www.tabletmag.com/scroll/165267/jewish-gravestones-destroyed-in-poland>

Searching for Ukrainian roots: Trip to Odessa reveals city's Jewish history.

Si Liberman

Palm Beach Daily News, 6 March 2014

<http://www.palmbeachdailynews.com/news/travel/searching-for-ukranian-roots/nd6RX/>

-- "At the Jewish cemetery's main entrance, women were selling real and artificial flowers, and people were purchasing them to place at gravesites. Two other Jewish cemeteries had been bulldozed into parks during Soviet rule before Perestroika".

Ukraine towns: Apricot trees and vanished graves

Alex Storozynski

CNN (www.cnn.com), CNN Opinion, 5 March 2014

<http://www.cnn.com/2014/03/05/opinion/storozynski-borderland-ukraine/>

-- "We climbed the old steps and found remains of a wrought iron cemetery fence, but the graveyard was gone. The 1939 map clearly marked sections of Catholic, Jewish and Christian Orthodox graves. The tombstones were missing, replaced by a playground. A chill came over me watching children kicking around a soccer ball, unaware of the bones buried beneath the rickety gymnastics bars and playground."

250 years of solitude, thousands of miles away from homeland

Zeeshan Shaikh

The Indian Express, 4 March 2014

<http://indianexpress.com/article/cities/mumbai/250-years-of-solitude-thousands-of-miles-away-from-homeland/>

-- "The Jewish Cemetery, which finds a mention on the BMC's heritage list, is spread over two acres and includes over 1000 graves, many of which are placed in intricately carved sarchopagi."

Polish cops nab suspected vandal at Jewish cemetery

Jewish Telegraphic Agency (JTA), 4 March 2014

<http://www.jta.org/2014/03/04/news-opinion/world/polish-cops-nab-suspected-vandal-at-jewish-cemetery>

-- Police in Poland arrested a man who they had caught desecrating Jewish tombstones at the 18th-century burial site. He had knocked down 14 tombstones before police officers arrested him.

Los Angeles Jewish Cemetery Pays \$80M to Settle Body-Dumping Suit: Eden Memorial Park Tossed Bones for 24 Years.

Jewish Telegraphic Agency (JTA)

The Jewish Daily Forward, 4 March 2014

<http://forward.com/articles/193797/los-angeles-jewish-cemetery-pays-m-to-settle-bo/>

"It's all about the journey," says Patty Vallance

Arizona Jewish Post, 28 February 2014

<http://azjewishpost.com/2014/28814/>

-- "...there is a Jewish cemetery dating to the Gold Rush in Placerville. 'I would walk there with the kids every day. We climbed over the fence and started putting rocks on the graves and said a prayer. We just did it.'"

UJO Hosts Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad Chair Weiss

Jeff Mann

Greenpoint Gazette, 28 February 2014

<http://www.greenpointnews.com/news/5971/ujo-hosts-commission-for-the-preservation-of-america-s-heritage-abroad-chair-weiss>

-- Commission chair Lesley Weiss visited North Brooklyn, joining the United Jewish Organizations of Williamsburg and Jewish leaders to discuss the Commission's work.

Ottumwa's spring cemetery cleanup begins Monday

Kate Allt

Heartlandconnection.com, 27 February 2014

<http://www.heartlandconnection.com/news/story.aspx?id=1012908>

Keeping the Jewish heritage alive in George Town

The Star online, 23 February 2014

<http://www.thestar.com.my/News/Nation/2014/02/23/Keeping-the-Jewish-heritage-alive-in-George-Town/>

-- 90-year-old Baghdad-born Jew, Abraham Jacobs left Penang, Malaysia nearly 40 years ago but returns annually to the island of George Town as it is the resting place of his father and eldest son.

Uncovering Legacies in Staten Island's Neglected Graveyards

Edna Ishayik

The New York Times, 21 February 2014

<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/02/22/nyregion/uncovering-legacies-in-staten-islands-neglected-graveyards.html?>

Jewish Cemetery Ripped Off A Second Time, AG Says

The Jewish Week (New York), 18 February 2014

<http://www.thejewishweek.com/news/briefs/jewish-cemetery-ripped-second-time-ag-says>

-- "Timothy Griffin, 54, an attorney who stepped in to run United Hebrew Cemetery after the Staten Island Burial ground's longtime president Arthur Friedman and his wife, Ilana, were indicted for embezzling more than \$1 million, was arrested on felony grand larceny charges, the office of New York State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman said Monday."

All Those Years Ago: An unlikely Jewish friendship brought the Beatles to America

Jonathan Mark

The Jewish Week (New York), 12 February 2014

<http://www.thejewishweek.com/news/new-york/all-those-years-ago>

Take a tour of cemetery – online

Jonathan Kalmus

The JC.com (The Jewish Chronicle Online), 13 February 2014

<http://www.thejc.com/community/community-life/115605/take-a-tour-cemetery-online>

Eden Trial: Cemetery Workers Broke Vaults to Make Way for New Graves: A cemetery official who trained the groundskeepers testified they had a litany of complaints.

Penny Arévalo

Northridge-Chatsworth Patch, 13 February 2014

<http://northridge.patch.com/groups/police-and-fire/p/eden-trial-cemetery-workers-broke-vaults-to-make-way-for-new-graves>

Burial company planning to offer cheap Jewish funerals

Simon Rocker

The JC.com (The Jewish Chronicle Online), 13 February 2014

<http://www.thejc.com/news/uk-news/115571/burial-company-planning-offer-cheap-jewish-funerals>

Jews of Venezuela, the new Diaspora

Eleonora Bruzual

The Jerusalem Post, 11 February 2014

<http://www.jpost.com/Opinion/Op-Ed-Contributors/Jews-of-Venezuela-the-new-Diaspora-341135>

-- "The oldest Jewish cemetery in the Americas is in Coro, Venezuela's most northwestern city, and Jews fought alongside Simon Bolivar during our independence struggle from Spain."

N.Y. Jewish cemetery allegedly ripped off again

JTA (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jewish Journal, 11 February 2014

http://www.jewishjournal.com/nation/article/n.y._jewish_cemetery_allegedly_ripped_off_again

Headstones At Jewish Cemetery In Subotica Vandalized

inSerbia, 11 February 2014

<http://inserbia.info/news/2014/02/headstones-at-jewish-cemetery-in-subotica-vandalized/>

-- Over a dozen graves were desecrated at an 18th-century cemetery near Krakow.

House bill makes cemetery vandalism a violation of religious freedom

JTA (Jewish Telegraphic Agency), 10 February 2014

http://www.jewishjournal.com/nation/item/house_bill_makes_cemetery_vandalism_a_violation_of_religious_freedom

-- U.S. Representative Grace Meng (D-N.Y.) introduced the Protected Cemeteries Act, which would amend the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to include vandalism of cemeteries a violation of religious freedom, and a criminal act.

Head of Staten Island's United Hebrew Cemetery Charged With \$2M Theft: Predecessor's Wife Pleaded Guilty to Similar Charges in 2013.

Josh Nathan-Kazis

The Jewish Daily Forward, 10 February 2014

<http://forward.com/articles/192553/head-of-staten-islands-united-hebrew-cemetery-char/>

So when is a Christmas wreath not a Christmas wreath?

Rabbi Jonathan R. Katz, Guest Columnist

The Jewish Chronicle, 30 January 2014

[http://thejewishchronicle.net/view/full_story/24490463/article-So-when-is-a-](http://thejewishchronicle.net/view/full_story/24490463/article-So-when-is-a-Christmas-wreath-not-a-Christmas-wreath-?instance=lead_story_right_column)

[Christmas-wreath-not-a-Christmas-wreath-?instance=lead_story_right_column](http://thejewishchronicle.net/view/full_story/24490463/article-So-when-is-a-Christmas-wreath-not-a-Christmas-wreath-?instance=lead_story_right_column)

-- Rabbi explains problems with wreath laying on Jewish gravest by National Cemetery Association at Christmas time.

Restoring a reputation

Trish Lee

newburytoday.co.uk (Newbury Weekly News), 27 January 2014

<http://www.newburytoday.co.uk/2014/restoring-a-reputation>

-- Stone Art Memorials, whose workshop is on the Sterling Industrial Estate, has completed a commission to replace the gravestone of Pre-Raphaelite painter Simeson Solomon, following an appeal to raise funds for its restitution.

My Spanish Inquisition: A Reporter Exercises His Right of Return

Josh Nathan-Kazis

The Jewish Daily Forward, 26 January 2014

<http://forward.com/articles/191376/can-sephardic-jews-go-home-again--years-after/?p=all>

-- "Construction workers found an ancient Jewish cemetery while building a highway around Lucerna.....The cemetery is a patch encircled by the highway with a few dozen plots where the recovered remains were reburied in a ceremony that, for some reason, included black-hatted Ashkenazi rabbis."

WWII 'time travel' in Hurricane Xaver's wake

Julian Bohne

DW (Deutsche Welle), 23 January 2014

<http://www.dw.de/wwii-time-travel-in-hurricane-xavers-wake/a-17382629>

-- Hurricane Xaver swept across northern Europe in December and left a trail of destruction that included Elbe River sand and beach erosion near Hamburg. Among the artifacts discovered since the storm was a 1745 Jewish gravestone from the Jewish cemetery in the Altona district of Hamburg. The surfaced debris was dumped near the beach on the Elbe after WWII, and included rubble from the firestorm caused by the allied bombings of Hamburg.

Don and Phyllis Marcus began 'Jewish American Composers' event to preserve historic cemetery

Hope Young

thenews star.com, 22 January 2014

<http://www.thenewsstar.com/article/20140123/LIFESTYLE/301230008/Temple-B-nai-Israel-Don-Marcus-Phyllis-Marcus-Rod-Allen-Payne>

-- Temple B'nai Israel welcomes the community to a concert in support of the maintenance and restoration of the historic Jewish Cemetery in Monroe, Louisiana.

Thorough Report From State Department for Greek neo-Nazi Party

Greek USA Reporter, 19 January 2014

<http://usa.greekreporter.com/2014/01/19/thorough-report-from-state-department-for-greek-neo-nazi-party/>

-- The Greek neo-Nazi party Golden Dawn is characterized as “an openly anti-Semitic and xenophobic political party”. The report also noted that in April 2014 unknown perpetrators drew swastikas on the door of the Jewish cemetery in Ioannina and vandals defaced the wall of the Jewish cemetery in Drama with swastikas and anti-Semitic slogans.

Poland Poll Reveals Stubborn Anti-Semitism Amid Jewish Revival Hopes: 63% See Jewish Conspiracies and Back Old Canards

Don Snyder

The Jewish Daily Forward, 18 January 2014

<http://forward.com/articles/191155/poland-poll-reveals-stubborn-anti-semitism-amid-je/?p=all>

-- Michal Bilewicz, the director of the Center for Research on Prejudice and an assistant professor on the faculty of psychology at the University of Warsaw, who co-authored the report, noted that hundreds of cemeteries in the region of Lublin and Lodz in southeastern Poland have been desecrated and proposed that the high level of anti-Semitism in this part of Poland helped explain why — a kind of anti-Semitism without Jews.

A land of ghosts

Michael Gawenda

The Sydney Morning Herald, World, 18 January 2014

<http://www.smh.com.au/world/a-land-of-ghosts-20140113-30pbe.html>

-- The author travels around Poland searching for his Jewish past, including a visit to the Jewish cemetery in Sandomierz in southeastern Poland.

Trial over desecrated graves at Eden Memorial Park Cemetery in Mission Hills slated to start Tuesday

Bill Hetherman

Los Angeles Daily News, 17 January 2014

<http://www.dailynews.com/general-news/20140117/trial-over-desecrated-graves-at-eden-memorial-park-cemetery-in-mission-hills-slated-to-start-tuesday>

Memorial's Zachary Jacob Haber earns Eagle Scout rank

Houston Chronicle (www.chron.com), 16 January 2014

<http://www.chron.com/neighborhood/memorial/news/article/Memorial-s-Zachary-Jacob-Haber-earns-Eagle-Scout-5149896.php>

-- Haber's Eagle Scout project was to catalog Jewish graves in the Houston Veteran's Cemetery for the Jewish Historical Society.

UK: ‘Despicable’ Thieves Try to Steal Sigmund Freud’s Ashes

Arutz Sheva Staff and AFP

Arutz Sheva 7 (www.IsraelNationalNews.com), 15 January 2014

<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/176332>

-- Unknown robbers damage priceless urn in attempt to steal the remains of the ‘father of modern psychoanalysis’ from the Golders Green Crematorium in London.

Pakistani Jew Tries to Restore Karachi Community: Man who recently discovered his maternal Jewish roots petitions Pakistani Courts to have synagogue built and restore Jewish graves

Ari Yashar

Arutz Sheva 7 (www.IsraelNationalNews.com), 13 January 2014

<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/176235>

Lonely battle to return shul to Pakistan

Bernard Josephs

The JC.com (The Jewish Chronicle Online), 10 January 2014

<http://www.thejc.com/news/world-news/114596/lonely-battle-return-shul-pakistan>

-- “A campaign to persuade Pakistani authorities to permit the re-establishment of a synagogue and the refurbishment of a derelict Jewish cemetery in Karachi has been launched by a young member of the country’s dwindling and beleaguered Jewish community.”

Brutally cold weather can complicate things, even for the dead

Burt Constable

Daily Herald, 7 January 2014

<https://www.dailyherald.com/article/20140107/news/701079958/>

-- The impact of snow and bitter cold weather on grave site preparation in cemeteries including Shalom Memorial Park in Arlington Heights, Illinois, where Jewish tradition requires the dead to be buried without unnecessary delays.

Relatives Are Denied Standing to Sue for Burial Plot Care

Andrew Keshner

New York Law Journal, 6 January 2014

<http://www.newyorklawjournal.com/id=1202636051569?slreturn=20140027141301>

-- “Family members of those buried in a Queens cemetery lack standing to sue a synagogue to enforce a trust established for the perpetual care of lots there, but a man who paid for the care of three plots can pursue a breach of contract claim, a unanimous Manhattan appellate court has ruled.”

Jewish history revealed

Emma Swain

The Maitland Mercury, 6 January 2014

<http://www.maitlandmercury.com.au/story/2005966/jewish-history-revealed/>

-- The Friends of Maitland Jewish Cemetery in Louth Park (NSW, Australia), along with the Maitland City Council, will host an information day in February to share the history of the cemetery with the public.

Clay Street Cemetery keeps Fairbanks' history alive

Ray Bonnell

Daily News – Miner (newsminer.com), 4 January 2014

http://www.newsminer.com/features/sundays/sketches_of_alaska/clay-street-cemetery-keeps-fairbanks-history-alive/article_1167fdd2-7593-11e3-a424-0019bb30f31a.html

Many US Jewish cemeteries in neglect

Julie Wiener, JTA

Heritage – Florida Jewish News, 3 January 2014

<http://www.heritagefl.com/story/2014/01/03/news/many-us-jewish-cemeteries-in-neglect/2000.html>

-- “Based on current practices, substantially all Jewish cemeteries will be unable to pay for their upkeep within 25 to 50 years after their last grave is sold”, said Gary Katz, president of New York’s Community Association for Jewish at-Risk Cemeteries, a group founded in 2007 and funded largely by UJA-Federation of New York.

Shalom, Aruba: A Jewish Cultural Guide

Sarah Bauder

ShalomLife, 1 January 2014

<http://www.shalomlife.com/culture/21439/shalom-aruba-a-jewish-culture-guide/>

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