Bolekhiv

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Name in Polish: Bolechów

Name in German: Bolechow

Name in Ukrainian: Bolekhiv [Болехів]

Name in Russian: Bolekhov [Болехов]

Name in Hebrew: Bolekhov [בוליחוב]

Name in Yiddish: Bolekhov [באלחוב]

Administrative History:

Years	State	Province		D
Till 1772	Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth: Kingdom of Poland	*Rus Voivodship (Województwo ruskie)*		L
1772-1867	"Hapsburg Empire", since 1804 - Austrian Empire	Kingdom of Galicia and Lodomeria (*Königreich Galizien und Lodomerien*)		D
1867-1914	Austro-Hungarian Monarchy	Kingdom of Galicia and Lodomeria (*Königreich Galizien und Lodomerien*)		D
1914-1915	Under Russian occupation	General-Government Galitsiia		
1915-1918	Austro-Hungarian Monarchy	Kingdom of Galicia and Lodomeria *(Königreich Galizien und Lodomerien)*		D
1918 - May 1919	West-Ukrainian People's Republic			
May 1919 - September 1939	Republic of Poland	Stanislawów *wojewódstwo*		D
September 1939 - June 1941	USSR: Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic	Stanislav *oblast*'		
June 1941 - July 1944	Under German occupation: General Government (*Das Generalgouvernement für die besetzten polnischen Gebiete*)	*Distrikt* Galizien		
1944-91	USSR: Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic	Stanislavov (Stanislaviv) *oblast'; since 1962 renamed* Ivano-Frankovsk (Ivano-Frankivs'k) *oblast*'		B [S]i
Since 1991	Republic of Ukraine	Ivano-Frankivs'k *oblast*'		B [

Population Data:

Year	Total	Jews	Perce
1765	-	ca. 1,300	-
1859	3,704	2,700	72.8%
1870	ca. 4,000	2,900	72.5%
1890	4,237	3,323	78.4%
1910	3,958	3,085	77.9%
1921	3,150	2,433	77.2%
1931	?	2,986	
Early 1990s		2 families	
2001	11,300	0	-

Remarks:

For photographs see Gallery section.

Bolechow is a town on the banks of the Sukil River (a tributary of the Dniester), at the foot of the Carpathian Mountains, about 70 km west from Ivano-Frankivsk and about 17 km north-west from Dolina.

Bolekhiv was a relatively large city, established at the beginning of the 17th century, which served as an important center of social and economic life in the Dolina region. Jews inhabited the city from its inception, and during the second half of the 19th century comprised about 75% of its population (3,323 out of 4,237 inhabitants in 1890). Among the Jewish inhabitants of Bolekhiv were those involved in major trade and industry (particularly tanning), scholars and famous rabbis. Jews played an extremely important role in the city's economic and public life, and in 1874 Israel Hauptman, the Jewish owner of the city's tanning factory, was elected mayor. One of the most notable figures in Bolechów's Jewish community was the wine trader and public figure Dov Ber Birkenthal (1723-1805), the author of a memoir which serves as an important source of data regarding Jewish life in the Polish-Lithuanian kingdom during its final years. The Jewish Enlightenment and processes of modernization reached Bolechów in the 19th century, finding expression in the activities of a local chapter of the Enlightenment movement, which managed to take over communal leadership, and in the establishment of the progressive Jewish school in the city in the 1850s. Alongside these developments, the majority of the Jewish population of Bolekhiv continued its traditional lifestyle and was even influenced by the spread of Hasidism. In the city center, near the marketplace, where Jewish life was centered, a large fortress-like synagogue was built at the beginning of the 19th century; near it operated several halls of study and Hasidic *kloizes*.

Following the killing of all of Bolekhiv's Jews by the Nazis, not many testimonies to the formerly vibrant Jewish life of the city remained. The large synagogue served as a worker's club and the old cemetery was targeted by acts of vandalism by local inhabitants. Only recently have various Jewish organizations initiated the fencing in of the cemetery and the refurbishing of the synagogue.

Historical-cultural region: Eastern Galicia - Prikarpattia

Items relevant to the community

Title	Type of item ▲	Years
Hebrew school "Tarbut"	Buildings	
Old Austrian house	Buildings	

Title	Type of item ▲	Years
Old Jewish houses on the South of the Market square	Buildings	
A water mill	Buildings	
Old Austrian house near the Market Sq.	Buildings	
Old house on the former Boznicna street near the Great Synagogue	Buildings	
House of Dr. Reifeisen	Buildings	
House of Jacob Blumenthal	Buildings	
Old houses on the north side of the Market square	Buildings	
Villa of Lipman Bornstein.	Buildings	

 More items

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     Synagogue in Bolechow - praying hall

   The greate synagogue in Bolechow - eastern facade

The greate synagogue in Bolechow - southern facade

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The greate synagogue in Bolechow - front entrance