

Bilshivtsy

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Name in Polish: Bołszowce

Name in German: Bolszowice

Name in Ukrainian: Bilshivtsi [Більшівці]

Name in Russian: Bolshovtsi [Большовцы]

Name in Hebrew: Bolshovtse [בולשובצה]

Name in Yiddish: Bolshevits [באלשעוויץ]

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

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Population Data:	Year	Total	Jews	Perce
	1765	-	178	
	1880	2,932	1,760	60.00
	1890	3,481	2,658	76.35
	1900	3,938	2,256	57.28
	1910	4,629	2,438	52.68
	1921	2,186	825	37.74
	1931	?	1,200	
	1959	2,600	0	
	2005	2,254	0	

External links: ["In Thier Memory" - The website of Jewish Bolshovtsy](#)
["1914 and The Last Jew" - documentary film about the shtetl Bilshivtsy.](#)

Remarks:

Bilshivtsy is a village on the Gnilaya Lipa River (a tributary of the Dniester), 8 km from Halych and 3 km from the highway Lwow - Ivano-Frankivsk. Situated in a boggy plain. First mentioned in 1426. Chartered in 1609. Jews are entioned in documents going back to 1635.

Once Bilshivtsy was a town with Jewish, Polish and Ukrainian population, but now it is a quite Ukrainian village.

The Annunciation church and Carmelite monastery, which were built in 1624 and desecrated by the Soviets, are being restored by Poles.

One synagogue was rebuilt during the Soviet times into a House of Culture. Its building was enlarged with attachments on the western and southern sides. Another synagogue, standing nearby, was destroyed and used as building material for the House of Culture.

At the Jewish cemetery on a hill, an Austrian artillery unit was stationed during World War I. The traces of the entrenchments are still visible, while all tombstones disappeared in the Soviet times.

For photographs made by Dr. Vladimir Levin in August 2009 see [Gallery section](#).



The synagogue building in the center of the town serves today as a club and a concert hall.

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