

PROGRAM FOR JULY 20, 2014
COTOPAXI JEWISH COLONY – 1882 – 1884
BY
NANCY OSWALD, AUTHOR AND LOCAL RANCHER



Nancy Oswald, Cotopaxi resident for many years and a very prolific author, will present the program on July 20, 2014. Come and hear the story of the Cotopaxi Jewish Colony!

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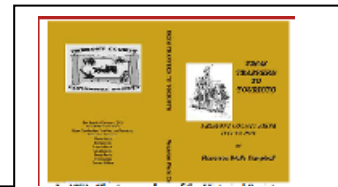
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Nelson Moore, Colony Historian, and Cotopaxi resident, with Jerry Klinger (red shirt) at the colony gravesite, April 29, 2011

A special Thank You to Jerry and Judy Klinger with the Jewish American Society For Historic Preservation (JASHP)

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Thank you to all the new members who have joined this year - we are glad you have joined us. Dues cover Dec. 31, 2013 to Jan. 1, 2015.

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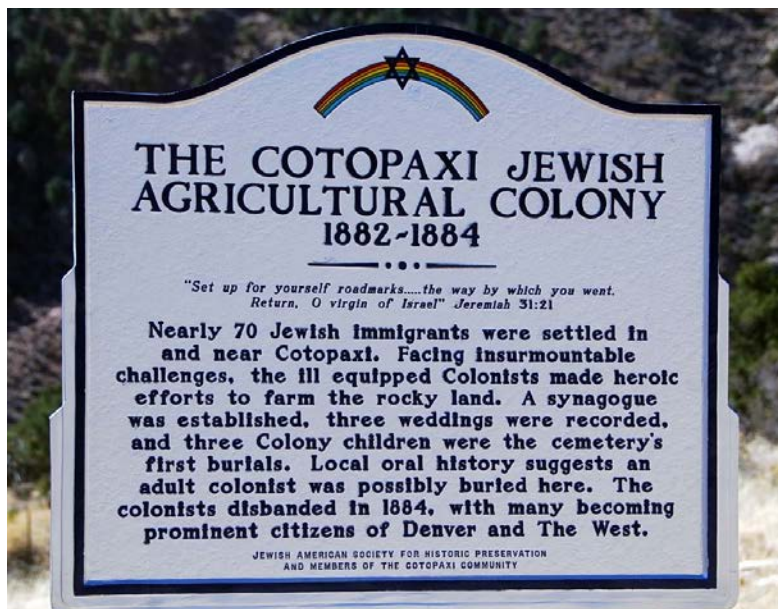
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The Cotopaxi Cemetery is located directly behind the Consolidated School House on County Road 12 - a short ½ mile from the Highway 50 turn-off. The Cemetery is cared for by the Cotopaxi Cemetery Committee, and is a dry-land, open space which looks down on the children playing in the school yard.

Many of the burials in this Cemetery are families who have lived in this valley and have descendents who still live here. A close-knit community has always been tied by both institutions - the school and the cemetery.

The Jewish plot is well marked, and very interesting to visit if you would like to see the original bronze mortuary marker: "RUSSIAN JEWS GRAVES" "1882"/.



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Teachers from across the US, as part of GSA (Geological Society of America) GeoVentures, visited Cañon City again this year to experience our rich geology and paleontology. They will use the information gathered on a 5- day trek across Colorado in their classrooms to make Earth Science come alive for students of all grades. Local hosts were Melissa Smeins and Michele Gandee of the BLM, and Cindy Smith and Dan Grenard of CCGC.

The group of teachers who learned a great deal about the geology of our area from local leaders.



This is the great group of folks from the Pueblo area who came to PCC to hear the story of our Historic Churches in Cañon City. They later toured the historic areas of downtown and enjoyed a full day of Historic Cañon City.

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OUR SPEAKER FOR THE PROGRAM ON JULY 20, 2014 – NANCY OSWALD

Nancy Oswald is a retired teacher and writer living on a family ranch south of Cotopaxi where she and her husband raise grass finished beef. Her book, *Nothing Here But Stones*, is based on the Jewish colony of Cotopaxi in 1882-1884. It tells a story of hope, faith, and family love in a setting of struggle and hardship. The remains of the colony are along the southern boundary of the family property which sparked Nancy's interest in writing the book. *Nothing Here But Stones* won several awards including the Willa Literary Award. For more about Nancy and her books, visit www.nancyoswald.com.

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