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TITLE: Oral history interview with Genia Batashuva

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 8 videocassettes (U-Matic), Protection copy  
3 videocassettes (VHS), User copy

SUMMARY: Born as one of twin sisters in 1922 at Kiev. At the beginning of the war, in 1941, her father was recruited to the Red Army, and when the Germans approached she was working in fortifications. After the German's conquest she was taken with her sister, her mother, and her younger brother, as well as other Jews of the town, to the massacre at Babi Yar. She gives a detailed testimony of the actions taking place in town before, during and after the massacre, including the active participation of the Ukrainians in the killings. She survived thanks to her looks; she convinced a German officer that she was a Christian that just happened to be around. She saw her family taken naked to the slaughter. Hiding for some time at Kiev she found that her 13 year old brother was saved and was looking for her, but she did not succeed in making contact with him. For months she was wandering the roads of ruined Ukraina, until finally succeeded to cross the eastern front line of the war and spent the rest of the war at the Uzbek Republic.