

Interview with Pioter Lochovitski.

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I was born on November 1923 in Charkiv. My father was a Jew and my mother was Russian. I was going to finish 10th class but on May 1941 I broke my leg and when the war began I was in the hospital.

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On August 1941 I went out from the hospital. Most people from our town evacuated but we could not do it because my father was sick and also there was my father's mother in our family. Soon we understood that was too late for evacuation because German Army entered our town.

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On October the Germans entered our town and they evicted our family from our apartment. So we moved in other place and lived there until the February 1943.

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One day all Jews of our town got an order to gather in one place. Our family was scared to do it. I was lucky because one friend of mine made a new passport for me and so I had a Russian name instead Jewish now. As my mother was Russian and my brother and I had Russian passports our father told us to return to home from the special place for Jews and left there himself.

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So we left our father and returned home. Every day my mom went to ghetto to visit her husband and every day she cried.

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One day my father escaped from the ghetto. We understood that if the Germans discovered that our father lived at home instead the ghetto he would be killed instantly. So we hid the father.

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Our life during an occupation was very difficult. We had not enough food and it was our biggest problem. One day one woman with her daughter knocked our door. The father

told us that people were from the ghetto and they lived with us about month. I did not know where they found a passport with Russian name for my father and soon after that they left our house.

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One day my family decided to go out from the town because we had not any food and no chances to find it in the town either. So we went door to door asking for some food. One day when we entered a village Vodolaga we had an accident with a policeman. He took my mother, my brother and me to the commandant's office and we were lucky that our father was in the other place that time.

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My mom tried to explain that we were Russian and she showed our passports. We were lucky that we escaped from the commandant's office. Soon we met our father and all together we returned to the Charkiv.

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One day my father and I went out from the Charkiv in order to find some food. Soon we discovered that one policeman looked for us and he wanted to kill us. We escaped from him and than again we returned to Charkiv.

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On February 1943 the Red Army entered the Charkiv.

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But soon the Red Army began to retreat from the town and I went to the war. I was very wick and I spent a little time in the hospital. I went out from the hospital and continued to be at war until the war was finished.

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On 1946 I entered the medical institute. I studied there until 1951.

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One day on 1951 a few people entered our apartment and my father was taken to the jail. My father was innocent but he could not prove anything. As our father was taken to the jail my brother and I were expelled from the institutes. I could not continue to study for 2 years.

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After I finished the institute I went to work to Kazaxstan. There I worked a few years. My father was rehabilitated and he left his prison after Stalin's death. We met each other in Kazaxstan.

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My father and I returned to Charkiv and began to live there. I began to work as a doctor there. Now I am working as a surgeon there.