

**Oral history interview with Lilia Isaakovna Presler and Mikhail Srulevich Presler
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Interview conducted on July 23, 2005 by K. Viktorova, V. Fedchenko

Presler, Lilia Isaakovna, born in 1950 in Shpikov, came to Tulchin in 1978; **Presler, Mikhail Srulevich**, born in 1953 in Tulchin

Their son participated at a Purim play at a Jewish children's camp in Poland. He played a king.

There are old people in Tulchin with whom she goes on Shabbat. They speak Yiddish. She learned to speak Yiddish from her grandmother. Her mother and grandmother knew when to celebrate Jewish holidays. There were synagogues; they baked matzo.

Now the schools are in Ukrainian. There are no Jewish schools now. Those who had been "Petliurovtsy" and "Benderovtsy" are now considered heroes of Ukraine.

They use some Yiddish words in speaking with their son Sasha. All his friends know that he is a Jew whereas she and her husband had been afraid or ashamed to admit that they were Jewish. The son has Jewish friends. Many are from mixed marriages.

Language:

Russian

Yiddish

Geographic Name:

Tulchin (Ukraine)

Shpikov (Shpykiv) town, Tulchin district (Ukraine)