

Oral history interview with Sania Shaevich and Pesia Shaevna Keselman

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Summary

Sania Shaevich and Keselman, Pesia Shaevna

Many Jews used to live in here in Tulchin. There was a Jewish cemetery. Streets had Jewish names. There was a beautiful two-story synagogue.

There was a "shoykhet" (butcher) who also performed circumcisions. Sweets were served after circumcision.

For every Jewish holiday her father would buy her a new dress and shoes.

Describe how a "babka" was made with matzo for Passover. Also how gefilte fish, stuffed cabbage and borsht were prepared.

Ukrainians who lived on their street were able to speak Yiddish and prepare Jewish food.

Describe some supernatural events recounted by their parents.

They had a mezuzah in their house. Their mother said it had to be kissed when leaving and entering.

Language:

Russian

Yiddish

Geographic Name:

Tulchin (Ukraine)