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Iarmolinskii, Abram Klemovich, born in 1922; and **Iarmolinskaia, Donia Itskovna**, born in 1922

His grandfather was manager at a glass factory. Her grandfather worked at a shoe factory. Her father was a carpenter – the best in Tulchin. He made doors, windows, floors and furniture. They had a very nice house in Tulchin with many rooms and wonderful furniture including a beautiful white oak buffet – it was in fashion at the time. The neighbors came to see it. Before remodeling the house they obtained permission from a rabbi to take apart the Russian stove. She remembers three synagogues in Tulchin. There were 18,000 Jews in Tulchin. She did not attend synagogue, but her father went to synagogue until he died. Even when there were no longer synagogues, he met Jews met at a private house to pray on Shabbat, Passover, Yom Kippur, Rosh Hashanah. Her father read the Bible and many other books. Her mother also went to synagogue.

She had studied at a Jewish school for 8 years. The school was later closed. She did not go to synagogue because children were told in school that synagogues should be closed.

There was a ghetto in Tulchin during the war. Her family spoke Yiddish at home. There was a very wealthy Jewish family named Gliklikh that owned forests and all large houses in Tulchin.

The couple had met as students. During the war her family was evacuated to Kirgistan. He fought at the front. His family died in the camps.

After the war he worked as a mechanic for sewing machines.

Tulchin was badly damaged during the war. Jews had to consult a rabbi about rebuilding of houses.

The rabbi was Moishe shoikhet. He was also a kosher butcher. He also performed circumcisions when boys were given a Jewish name. His daughter worked as a physician in a hospital.

She used to cook for the entire family. They all loved her cooking.

They are receiving assistance from Jewish community – medicines meals and parcels from Israel.

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