

Surah Kreimer



This is my mother Surah Kreimer, nee Tzalik. This photo was taken in Kishinev in 1936. My mother was born in 1892. She didn't get any education. She could hardly write her name. She was very religious having been raised in a Cohanite family with very strict religious rules. My mother was very good and nice. I never asked her how she and my father met or whether theirs was a love or arranged marriage. My mother made sure that we observed all Jewish traditions. We spoke Yiddish at home. On Purim, my mother made hamantashen and fluden. For fluden she bought special patterned waffles and boiled nuts in honey for filling. There was also baklava. I have vague memories about them, but there were performances: purimspiels presenting Mordechai, Esther and Ahasuerus.