

Sarah Loshak



This is my mother, Sarah Loshak, wearing her military uniform. She was an official at the passport department of the police department. In 1951, however, my mother was fired for being Jewish. My mother was an educated person for her time. She finished seven grades. My father, Govshia Loshak, finished only elementary school. He 'inherited' the profession of repairing sewing machines. My parents kept Jewish traditions and holidays, but they were not religious. Because of her official position, my mother was afraid to go to the synagogue. I remember well that after the war people were watched, and my mother was always afraid that somebody would learn that we celebrated Passover or other Jewish holidays at home.