

The Jewish Cemetery In Kiev



The Jewish cemetery in Kiev where my father Iosif Geifman was buried in 1926, Kiev, Lukianovka. The cemetery was opened in the late 90s (19th century). The cemetery destruction began during the occupation of Kiev by fascists in 1941 - 1943. The final elimination of the cemetery took place in the early 60s XX century. Some individual graves were removed to the Jewish part on a new cemetery. After the civil war my father was Chairman of the United Consumers' Community in Novograd-Volynskiy. Although he wasn't a member of the Communist Party, he had an official position being an intelligent and honest man. Once he went on business to Zhytomir. He let his accountant take a seat in the cabin and he sat in the body of the truck. He was wearing shoes although the weather was cold. His employees told him to take warm boots from the storage facility but he refused, saying that warm boots were for the workers. He caught cold that resulted in the fulminate tuberculosis. His friends took him to a hospital in Kiev but they failed to stop the hemorrhage. He only lived three months. He was buried at the Jewish cemetery in Kiev. This Jewish cemetery in the outskirts of the town, called Lukianovka, was opened in late 90s of the 19th

century. It functioned until 1941. First destruction of monuments and the cemetery took place during the German occupation (1941-1943). In 1961 the cemetery was officially closed based on the decision of municipal authorities. Jewish families had half a year to rebury their relatives at the Jewish areas of a new cemetery in the city. A new TV Center was built at the spot where the cemetery of Lukianovka was located. There is no separate Jewish cemetery in Kiev nowadays.

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