

## **Interview with Hulda Remple (Neumann)**

From Louise Wiens, 1/12/2016. Interview with my aunt Hulda Rempel (Neumann). Born October 27, 1924 in Leipzig Bessarabia. Living since 1958 in Leamington, Ontario, Canada

There were several Jewish families in Leipzig. I don't remember the names. One family lived right next to us and ran a small store. There were two houses on that property and they rented the front building. On the Sabbath they would call us children over to light their stove for them. It was called a "primus". It had 3 legs. We always got some candy in return, which was a special treat for us. We did not get candy very often, having 8 children in the family. Occasionally our father would go to the market in Tarutino. But not often. The people next to us were also called "Neumann" but they were not related to us.

At harvest time the Jewish men would come and inspect the wheat and barter to buy it. I don't know if they were all local. They could have come from elsewhere. They spoke German (possible Yiddish) and Romanian. The money was called a "lei". There were also a few Russian families in the village. I don't know what happened to them after 1940. They were dispersed somewhere I am sure. When we had to leave Leipzig in 1940 to be resettled, I was at the train station with the other women (the men had already left with horse and wagon). I think it was in Tarutino. A large number of Jewish folk had gathered there to say goodbye to us. They were all weeping. They said "so long as you Germans lived here we always had enough to eat. What is going to happen to us now"???