

## Shlima Goldstein



During her interview, Shlima Goldstein recalls how hard she has worked during her whole life – and still, she was always starving. Being born in 1930, just one day after her father’s death, Shlima arrived to a needy family. In spite of the efforts of her mother, she was soon sent to a Jewish orphanage. During the Great Patriotic War, Shlima moved with the orphanage from place to place, suffering from starving, cold, and the horrifying sound of constant bombings. One night, when the fights were really close, Shlima run away – and found shelter in a nearby village, at a woman called Yelena Ivanovna. Although her Jewish origin was known in the village, Shlima was never handed out to the Germans. Yelena, though claiming she is a “common Ukrainian woman”, showed outstanding bravery when protecting her and covering for her. After the war, Shlima found her family again, and returned to Kishinev, where she worked as a confectioner. She married Dimitry Goldstein; they have one daughter and two grandchildren. Shlima confessed that she can not get used to the breakup to the Soviet Union - as a USSR patriot, she was always enthusiastic about communist ideas.