

*Memories of Rosh Hashona in Michalishki*

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[later BellaMary/Bella/Mary/Miriam Kazen, wife of Sholom/Sol Kazen]

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For Miriam Kazen, a survivor of Stutthof Concentration Camp, Rosh Hashona in her hometown of Michalishki, Poland, was wonderful. She was one of seven children from a wealthy influential family. Before Rosh Hashona, their chauffeur would drive Kazen's father and older brothers to Vilna to buy new clothes and shoes for the entire family. *My mother cooked and baked and the hired workers would help*, Kazen recalls. *Candy for Rosh Hashona was my mother's specialty. It was a symbol for a good, sweet year.* Her mother also baked round sweet challah and made taighlach in a large copper pot. Once in America, continuing the Jewish traditions of her Polish home was extremely important to Kazen. She felt she was doing something for her parents and brothers and sister who perished in the Holocaust, . . .