

Life of the Jews in Slovakia has long tradition. However the Jews have been living here for many centuries, people know really little about them. About family traditions in Slovak Jewish families we got known especially from interviews with witnesses. According to interviews we see a measure of religious practices in different families and in different political periods. Traditions, customs and so do rituals of the life cycle were obviously part of the life of the Jews in Slovakia before Second World War. Already in the period before Second World War there were steps to adaptation and assimilation to majority society. This trend became much stronger among Jews, who survived Second World War, and who decided to stay to live in Slovakia. The measure of assimilation culminated at the time of communism, especially after the year 1968. The political circumstances and atheistic propaganda did not allow being a Jew in a religious way, and about the identity most of the Jews rather kept silence. The revolution in the year 1989 brought disengagement in this way as well. Mainly the young generation has again interest about Judaism, but not in his religious way.