

Danuta Mniewska With Her Mother Ewa Mniewska On Holidays In 1939



This picture was taken in Glowno [town 30 km from Lodz] in 1939. My mother Ewa Mniewska (nee Ryza) and I spent our holidays there, because a few years before the war my mother had started to keep a boarding house in Glowno. Two or three years before the war my mother launched a boarding house of her own near Glowno. It was a summer-resort area, dachas, boarding houses, in villages like Nowy Ciechocinek, Stara Ciechocinka, Nowe Zakopane, Nowa Ciechorajka, but how the place was called where my mother had the boarding house, I don't remember. It was a single-story house, or a villa, with a dozen or so rooms. During the season my mother lived there, I think. She had employees, because you had to cook, you had to clean, you had to serve the food. Young married couples were the typical clientele. I didn't tell Poles from Jews at the time, but I guess it

was for Jews. The business was in operation until the war, in fact, it only started picking up steam.