

## **Interview: Peter Vayshenker**

### **Recorded Excerpt**

Interviewer (Becky Rosenberg): And during this time that you were applying for the visas and your children had left, were you attending synagogue?

Peter Vayshenker: On the holidays. We are not afraid about—first of all, this is different, in former Soviet Union—maybe we would come to the synagogue—a special \_\_\_\_\_ of the children, it was very dangerous. They would have some photo cameras and would, especially for the students, they would just take pictures of all these people and send the pictures to the university and all these students would be kicked out from this university. For us it was not so dangerous, because we would come, most of them on the great holidays—Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Passover—we would just celebrate, but of course in my father's house, we would do it traditionally with our children when they grow up.