



570—Chelsea Savings Bank, Chelsea, Mass.

Shefshick's Kosher Meat Market was located at 35 Central Avenue in Chelsea.

Gittel (Rigoff) Shefshick took over the store in the 1920s when the owner planned to close.

A widow with four children, Gittel had to buy the store or be out of work. She had come to the US from Russia with her husband Benjamin (Besha), who died in Chelsea during the 1916 flu epidemic.

Three of Gittel's children, Alec, Israel, and Minnie, worked in the store. Minnie Shefshick Blotner, together with her husband Harry and her brothers Alec and Israel, became the proprietors of Shefshick's Kosher Meat Market.

The Shefshicks opened a summer store in Old Orchard Beach in the 1940s to serve the Jewish community and the surrounding hotels' kosher dining rooms. The Shefshicks sold their original Chelsea store in the 1970s, and the 35 Central Avenue space eventually housed a Chinese restaurant.

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