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My mother was stuffing me with kasha,  
digging deep inside chickens  
for iron rich, baby eggs,  
retrieved like nuggets of gold,  
to "fix me up," as she would say,  
    "protect me"  
from the ravages of history, the bayonet  
and boot, beating down on Jewish *kinder*,  
before their bones burned clean  
like sparrows tossed aflame.