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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.