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I went to the Fairfax Senior Citizen Center to look for possible interviews. At first I talked to the director(?) and asked permission. He said it was okay and mentioned that one of their workers was a Russian expat and led me to talk to her.
Upon my mentioning of Solyanka she said she “didn’t want to talk about” that period of her life. I had only mentioned the word “Solyanka” and had not given her any of my questions. I assumed she heavily associated the soup with the Soviet Union and went on to talk to the other seniors. One Latina senior said she made a similar soup with zucchini and tomatoes. Her friends suggested I make Solyanka and bring it back to them, so they could try it and give me their thoughts.

A Russian-Israeli friend living in Los Angeles suggested later in the day that some of the old Jews with Eastern European backgrounds in the Fairfax Senior Citizen Center that I talked to today might have been lying as they might not have had scruples lying to an American.

All of these conversations were held in English.