

Alexandr Nepomniaschy's Family



My family. Sitting: I, Alexandr (Shaya) Nepomniaschy, and my wife Revekka Mexina. Standing: my son Valery Nepomniaschy and his wife Anna Napomniaschaya, nee Yahotinskaya. They are mathematicians. Photo made in Chernovtsy in 1998.

In 1936 I graduated from the Institute and came to see my parents and have some rest in Kirovograd. I met my future wife in Kirovograd. She lived in the same street as my parents. My best friend turned out to be her relative. We were having a walk with him once and met her. We began to see each other. My wife's name is Revekka Mendeleyevna Mexina, a Jewish girl. She born in Novo-Ukrainka Kirovograd region, in 1913. Later her family moved to Kirovograd. They also lived in Donbass where she finished a college and got a profession of electrician. Her grandfather lived in Kirovograd and she was visiting him when we met. I left Kirovograd and we wrote one another for some time. In one of my letters I proposed to her and she sent me a cable with one word "Yes". We got married in Dmitrov, Podmoscovie, where Revekka was living with her family, in 1938. We had a civil ceremony at the registry office and then had a small dinner party for the closest people at Revekka's home.

In 1939 our son Valery was born in Stalingrad. Although my wife and I were raised in the religious families we didn't observe Jewish traditions. We didn't celebrate any Jewish holidays. We celebrated Soviet holidays and the New Year and also birthdays. My son went to a Russian school in 1947. He studied well and was especially fond of mathematics. In 1957 he finished 10 years of school with a silver medal. In 1963 he graduated from the university with honors. Valery got married in Chernovtsy in June 1966 when he was visiting us during his vacation. His wife Anna Yahotinskaya, a Jew, also graduated from Chernovtsy University.