

Riva Pizman With Her Husband Aron Pizman And Grandson Pavel



This photo was taken in Voronezh when we visited our son. This is me and my husband Aron with Igor's son Pavel, our grandson. This photo was taken in Voronezh in 1986.

In the 1970s the Jewish massive departure to Israel began. Our friends and acquaintances were leaving. We did not judge those who decided to leave - if people decided to leave, one should not interfere with their decision, but we did not consider departure from the USSR. My husband and I did not want to look for a fortune in a foreign country. We were used to living here. We had friends, acquaintances here, people respected us and we didn't have any conflicts - so why got elsewhere? The plant where my husband was working built a plant for its employees and we received a nice 2-bedroom apartment in this house. We were content with the life we had.

After finishing school our older son Igor did not want to continue his studies. He became an apprentice of a turner at the Kirov plant. One year later he was recruited to the army. After demobilization Igor returned home and worked as a turner. Igor met his future wife, Anna Narolskaya, a Russian girl in Voronezh. They fell in love with each other and decided to get married. My husband or I did not care that Anna was not Jewish. We didn't care about the nationality. We believed human virtues to be important. They loved each other and this was what mattered. They got married and Igor moved to Voronezh. He went to work as a turner at the mechanical plant. Igor was mature enough now to understand that he needed to study. He finished a mechanical technical school while working at the plant and then he finished the evening department of the polytechnic College. He became a foreman in his shop. Anna was chief accountant in a construction agency. Igor and Anna have two children: Pavel was born in 1982, and daughter Svetlana - in 1985. My son and his family came to see us and we went to visit them.

My older son, his wife and children moved to Israel recently. Now they live in Haifa. My son works in a shop, his wife hasn't found a job as yet. My older grandson Pavel has recently returned home after his military service. He will probably go to study to become a doctor. My granddaughter

finished school, and now she serves in the army.