

Leonid Poberezhskiy, His Aunt Tsylia Shehtman And Uncle Syunia Shehtman.



I am Leonid Poberezhskiy in the center with my Aunt Tsylia Shehtman and Uncle Syunia Shehtman.

My grandparents had 6 children. They were all born in Dashev. My mother, born in 1900, was the oldest. The next child was Uncle Abram, born in 1902 and Uncle Semyon, born in 1904. The next was Anna (they called her Nyusia in the family), born in 1906, and Tsylia, born in 1908. The youngest was the son Matvey (Motl), born in 1911. I knew my mother's brothers and sisters; they lived with us in Kiev for some time.

In 1932 our family moved to Kiev. My mother's brother Abram lived there. He became a commercial director of furniture factory and received a 3-room apartment in 4, Institutskaya Street (in the center of Kiev). All of us, including my grandfather and grandmother moved in with him. Abram was a bachelor. But our whole big family lived in his 3-room apartment. There were 8 of us: my grandparents, my mother and father and I, and my favorite: my mother's brother Uncle Syunia (Semyon) and my father's younger sister Tsylia. Prior to our arrival my mother's sister Nyusia lived in this apartment. About 1928 she married a talented engineer Naum Berdichevskiy and moved to her husband in Moscow. They didn't have any children. Matvey (Motl), the youngest of the children, moved to Moscow and then to Sverdlovsk where he lived his whole life. Motl was a bachelor and he never got a wife.