

Yakov Driz And His Sister Polina Gedrich



My sister Polina Gedrich and me, Yakov Driz. Polina lives in Israel. This photo was taken near Polina's house during my trip to Israel in 1998. Polina is a pensioner. Her daughter and granddaughter are in Israel, too. Elena works and her granddaughter is finishing school. My sister Polia moved to Israel. Unfortunately, I didn't dare to go. My wife isn't a Jew, and I was afraid that she would go through prejudiced attitudes in Israel like the ones I had experienced in the Soviet Union. I have been to Israel twice and I realized that I was wrong. But we are old people now, and it is too late to change our lives so dramatically. I liked Israel, our country. I admired the blooming Israel - the country where ancient history and modern life have entwined so organically. It's hard to imagine all the hard effort it took to turn the desert into a blooming oasis. I respect and feel grateful to the people of Israel. I visited my sister Polia in Ber-Sheva. She and her family enjoy living in their new Motherland.