

## Lev Drobyazko's Mother's Mother, Basya-Rakhuma Shloimovna Vaisblat.



My mother's mother, Basya-Rakhuma Shloimovna Vaisblat, the wife of Rabbi Nukhim Vaisblat. She was born around 1880 in the town of Malin. Her maiden name was Lerman, and she was born in Narodichi. The photo was taken in 1900 in Kiev. Rabbi Nukhim and his wife had eleven children. They married while the Rabbi was still living in Malin. As his wife, the Rabbi chose a poor girl who worked as a twister at the rag workshop of the Malin Paper Factory. It was hard work that did not pay well. As a result of this work, my grandmother contracted tuberculosis and died from it many years later. My grandmother's name was Basya-Rakhuma Shloimovna; her maiden name was

Lerman. She was born in Narodichi. My grandparents had eleven children. The Vaisblat family was very Orthodox, keeping every Jewish tradition, holiday, and kashrut. All the children received a primary Jewish education. Later, eight sons and one daughter - my mother - also received a secular education. The siblings became famous and made contributions either to Jewish culture, or to secular science and culture. They all had different destinies, but one thing they had in common - none of the rabbi's sons became a rabbi.