

Vladimir Goldman's Father Miron Goldman



My father Miron Goldman. The photo was taken in Odessa in 1928. My father was born in 1888. In 1907 he finished the 5th grade of a Russian secondary school in Akkerman. After that he studied pharmacy in the Moldavian village of Budaki and began to work in the village. He also treated people from the surrounding villages. He was called to families at any time of the day and night. In 1914, when World War I began, my father was mobilized to the tsarist army. He was an assistant doctor in a hospital. From 1920-1924 he studied at the Medical Faculty of the Donskoy University in

Rostov and later continued his studies at the Medical Institute in Odessa. Upon graduation from the Institute my father worked at the Skin Diseases and Veneorological Hospital that became a Skin and Veneorology Research Institute later. [Editor's note: At present this building houses the Israeli Cultural Center.] In 1928 my father reaffirmed his qualification as a veneorologist at the Professional Education Commission of the Ministry of Education of the USSR. My mother and my father got married in 1925. After the wedding they settled down in a very small apartment. They lived there until 1938. My sister, Tamara, was born in 1926 and I followed on 15th April 1934. I remember our yard and our apartment on the 2nd floor. It was a one-bedroom apartment with a very small kitchen. There was a stove in the kitchen that heated the whole apartment. Our neighbors were German colonists: the family of Berzer, father, mother and three sons, who were recruited to the Soviet army before the Great Patriotic War. My father was a tall and thin man. He used to take me to the kindergarten teaching me numbers and letters on our way. He was an atheist and his 'Lord' was his conscience. He told me to be good to other people. He said that even if ten people would forget that you were good to them the eleventh would remember and pay you back tenfold for what you did for him.