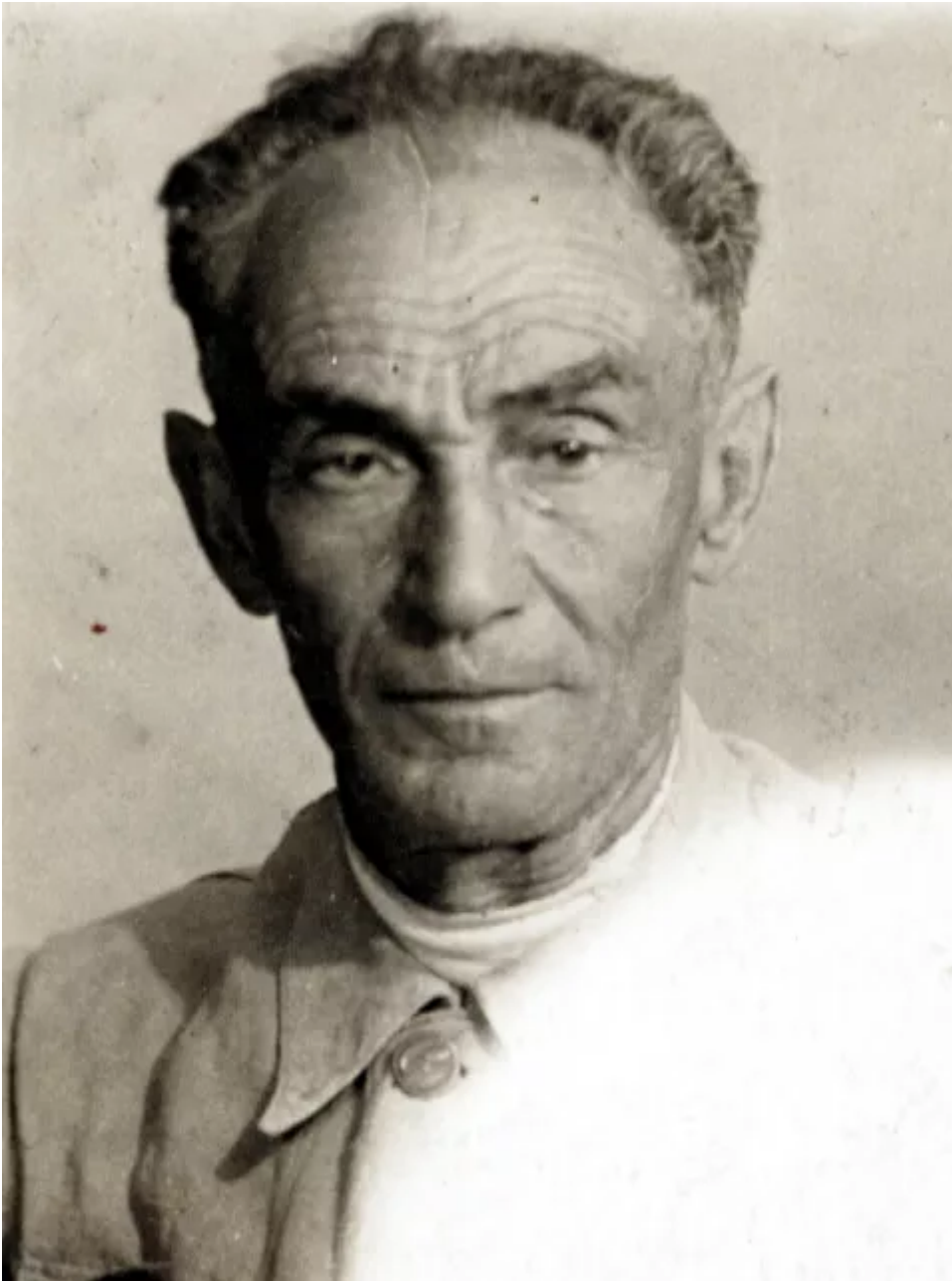


Basia Gutnik's Grandfather Iosif Gutnik



My grandfather Iosif Gutnik. This photo was taken in 1938 in Kiev. My father's parents came from Radomyshl. I don't know why they moved to Kiev. My grandmother Revekka was born in 1885 and my grandfather Iosif was born in 1882. My paternal grandparents spoke fluent Yiddish and Russian. My grandparents were married in Radomyshl, Ukraine, when my grandmother was about 16. Her parents had died before she got married. In Kiev my grandfather rented a room in Podol and they lived there until the end of their lives. Many times, I asked my grandparents about their lives, but they wouldn't tell me anything. My grandfather was a railroad forwarder in Radomyshl. He worked very hard. He did not believe in God. He loved to eat fried fat , but because my grandmother tried to keep a kosher kitchen as best she could, she was very concerned that no one else in the family should use the same frying pan she used to cook his food--especially the children. She pushed this frying pan to the farthest corner of the stove. My grandfather died in 1942 in Charjou during the evacuation, and was buried there.