

**Zinaida Leibovich's Father's Family
Including Her Father's Grandmother, Aunt
And Mother Hanna Leibovich, Holding Her
Father Moisey Leibovich. Her Father's
Grandfather Is Holding Her Father's Brother
Leonid Leibovich.**



This is my father's family. In the center is my father's grandmother, wearing a shawl on her head. My father's grandfather is beside her. Standing - my father's aunt, the sister of my father's mother. I don't know their names. Sitting on the left is my father's mother Hanna Leibovich, holding my father Moisey Leibovich. My father's grandfather is holding my father's brother Leonid (Lyonya) Leibovich. This photograph was made in Kiev some time in 1912. My grandmother Hanna, my father's mother, was born in 1890. She didn't work before the Revolution. In the early 1920s she went to work at a factory and worked at the turning machine. My father's parents were religious. They went to synagogue and observed the traditional Jewish holidays at home. Nonetheless, they didn't follow Kashrut and worked on Saturday, as it was a workday at the factory. Besides, it was impossible for Jewish people to be openly religious in Kiev in the early 1930s. That was why my father, along with his brothers and sisters, was not a religious person. My father was born in Kiev in 1912. He had two brothers and a sister. His older brother Leonid was born in 1907, his sister Rachel in 1917, and his younger brother Iosif in 1919. Neither my father, nor his brothers and sister got any Jewish education, and they did not know and did not keep Jewish traditions; in their youth this was not fashionable and it was even discriminated against by the authorities. But they always read a lot and learned a lot from people. Leonid worked at a factory after finishing school. Later he studied at an institute and became an engineer. Iosif was a worker, and Rachel married Isaak Wainer and didn't work after her wedding. All my father's relatives were evacuated during the war and returned to Kiev after it ended. Rachel died in 1972, and Iosif in 1975. Leonid died in Kiev in 1977.