

## Eshyie Gotlib With His Wife Sarra Gotlib



This is my younger brother Eshyie Gotlib with his wife Sarra. My sister Haya gave me this photo when we met in Budapest in the late 1970s. My brother and his wife were photographed shortly after their wedding. This photo was taken in Rishon LeZiyyon (Israel) in 1957.

My parents and siblings emigrated to Israel in late 1945, then I was at the war. From 1946 I've tried to find my family. I sent requests to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and tried to search them through the Red Cross. They replied that they had no information about them. Later I gave up those efforts: for a citizen of the USSR it was dangerous to have relatives abroad. Besides, I was a Party member. They found me after we moved to Uzhhorod in the late 1970s. I received a letter from my younger sister Haya. She wrote that she wanted to come to the USSR to see me, but they didn't issue her an entry visa. She went to Hungary. It was easier for residents of Subcarpathia to obtain a Hungarian visa compared to the rest of the USSR and I went to Budapest to meet with my sister. Of course, we were so happy to see each other. We didn't even hope that we would meet again. My sister told me about my dear ones.

Eshyie, finished a construction school and made stucco decorations. Eshyie got married in Israel. His wife's name is Sarra. They have no children. In 1966 Eshyie moved to New York, USA. Eshyie and his wife loved each other, but unfortunately, they had no children. Eshyie was the best at music in our family. He could play any instrument and had wonderful voice. Regretfully, my brother died too early. He had throat cancer. He had few surgeries, but they didn't help. Eshyie died in New York in 1972. I couldn't go to his funeral due to strong iron curtain, separating the USSR from the rest of the world. We couldn't even imagine traveling abroad on a visit.