

Mira Mlotok's Mother, Rosa Kashtan



My mother, Rosa Moiseyevna Kashtan. She is 19 years old here. The photo was made in the town of Khorol, Poltava province, in 1914.

My mother's name was Rosa Moiseyevna Kashtan. She was born also in Khorol, in the family of shoichet, meat-cutter. Both families (of my father and mother) knew each other very well. Mother graduated from Midwifery School in Kremenchug. She was interested in revolutionary ideas. When Denikin's gang was around, she carried a white bag with red cross and distributed revolutionary

leaflets. She risked her life, but that bag saved her; she hid her revolutionary propaganda in it. At that time if a person wanted to join the Communist Party he had to provide recommendation of more experienced and trusted party members. So, my mother gave such a recommendation for him. They met before the Revolution. They had common views.

In 1962 my mother died at the age of 67.