

## Semyon Goldwar And His Mother Raissa Goldwar



This is me and my mother Raissa Goldwar. My mother was born in 1900. She was a beautiful woman and always looked younger than her age and when she got her passport she changed her birth date to 1904. My mother enjoyed recalling her life in her father's home. She was an only daughter in the family for a long time and her parents and brothers loved and petted her. My mother finished a grammar school. She enjoyed studying at school. She knew French and played

the piano. She had many friends and admirers. After finishing grammar school in the age of 17 my mother lived with her parents and didn't work. My mother met my father when she was rather young. My father was a classmate of Misha, my mother's brother. My father often visited the Rabinovich family and fell in love with the young schoolgirl. My parents got married in the early 1920s. I was born in my grandmother's house on 7 April 1924. But I don't remember anything about the house. My grandmother Bertha insisted that my mother gave birth to her baby in Odessa. A midwife came to attend to my mother during her labor. I was the first grandson in the Rabinovich family. I was the only baby and everybody paid their attention to me. We lived with my grandparents for about a year.