

Raissa Makarevich's Grandmother Leya Golubchik



This is my maternal grandmother, Leya Golubchik. This picture was taken in 1919 in Kiev.

My grandmother and grandfather on my mother's side died before I was born, so all I know about them is what my mother told me. My maternal grandfather's first name was Fivel, his last name was Golubchik. My maternal grandmother's name was Leya Golubchik. I don't know her maiden name. They lived in the town of Gornostaipol in Chernigov province. Later they moved to Kiev. I

don't know exactly what my grandfather did for a living. Mamma said he owned a business, it may have been a small store. They were relatively well off. My mamma told me that my grandfather and grandmother were very religious. They attended their town's synagogue. Grandfather began each day with a prayer. He put on his tallit and tefillin. They celebrated all the religious holidays at home, and strictly observed kashrut. A Ukrainian woman, their neighbor, came to their place every Saturday to start the fire and help my grandmother around the house. On Saturdays Grandmother didn't do anything.