

Olga Razumovskaya And Alexei Razumovsky



This is a photo of my children Alexei Razumovsky (first from right) and Olga (first from left) Razumovskaya together with their friend Dina, whose surname I don't remember. This photo was taken in the late 1950s in Leningrad.

My elder son Alexei was born in 1946 in Leningrad. He has only a high school education, and then he became a car mechanic. He tried numerous jobs, now he is a businessman: in OPOCHKA together with his elder son, also called Alexei, he builds hotels and houses. He is married to a Russian girl, his schoolmate; he was eighteen when he got married.

My daughter, Olga lives together with me. She was born in 1951, graduated from Gorny Institute, and all her life she worked in her professional field, first in 'Gipronikel,' then in 'Lenkompriroda' as an ecologist. Now she is trying hard to organize her own firm, she wants to work in the field of ecological tourism. Besides, my daughter is very musical, and my son too. They sang very well, and they have a good ear for music, even if not pitch-perfect. So they both have a good ear for music, although I never taught them to sing and so on. Perhaps, it's because of my father, or maybe, because of their own dad.

Of course, my children knew that they were Jews, from their very birth. I never lied to them or hid this fact from them. What for? Olga couldn't apply for the university, and in the 1970s someone beat up Alexei, perhaps, not even thinking or guessing that he was Jewish. So at home we talked about it, we had such conversations, but I don't remember that we ever mentioned Jewish traditions.