

Iosif Tets With His Wife Yelena Tets And Sister Ida Wolpe



This photo was taken at my parents' silver wedding anniversary. There was a party at a restaurant. From left to right: my mother Yelena Tets, my father Iosif Tets, my father's younger sister Ida Wolpe. This photo was taken in Riga in 1938.

My parents met at my father's sister Ida's place. My father often visited her. Mama also visited her best friend in Riga. My parents met and fell in love with each other. They got married in 1913. They had a traditional Jewish wedding in Jekabpils. The town's rabbinate issued their marriage certificate.

After the wedding my parents settled in Riga. They rented an apartment in the center of the town. Mama made one room her dental office. Also, Mama worked as a dentist in the clinic of the Russian doctors' society. Most of the members of this society were Jewish doctors. They were very good doctors. Once or twice a week Mama received her patients, sent to her by the clinic's receptionist. My father was a pharmacist.