

Vergilius, Evgeniy Leonid Bunke



These are my sons- my step son Vergilius, Evgeniy in the center, and Leonid to the right , early 1970s, Plunge.

My private life turned out to be pretty good. I often went to ispolkom on various matters and I met the secretary there - a young Lithuanian lady - Dalya Baitkute. Dalya was divorced and raised a son born in 1947. In 1949 we met and fell in love with each other and in 1950 I married Dalya.

I adopted Dalya's son Virgilius and he treats me like his own father, though he knows that I am not his natural father. In 1952 our elder son Evgeniy was born. Then in 1953 - Leonid. He named him Leibl after my dad. We had a modest living. We had neither dacha nor car. My sons went to school, when they had to choose which nationality should be put in their passport, even my mother said that they should put Lithuanian to be able to enter the institute without any hindrance. Though, at the age of 16 they got passports with Lithuanian nationality, they identify themselves as Jew as they love me and respect Jewish history.

The eldest Virgilius became a seaman. He has been in that occupation for 12 years and now he is a businessman. Vergilius owns a printing house in Klaipeda, where he is living with his wife Mika.

Having finished school Evgeniy entered Vilnius university, the journalist department and graduated from it. He married Lithuanian Danute, who having graduated medical got a mandatory job assignment in resort town Lavylai. Evgeniy is living there with his wife. Evgeniy works as a journalist. His son Darius is also a journalist. He is living in Kaunas with his family. Evgeniy's daughter Marina is working and living in Vilnius.

My younger son Leonid finished polytechnic institute. He is an engineer. He is living and working in Palanga. His wife Roma is also Lithuanian. Leonid's daughter Sandra finished economy department in Vilnius university, left for the USA, married there and became an American citizen. Leonid's younger daughter Evelina recently obtained masters degree in architecture. My youngest grandson- Leonid's son is named after my uncle Dovid. The boy goes to secondary and to music school. he has a great artistic talent. His paintings were selected for exhibition in Sweden. He is

going there shortly. He takes first prizes at the exhibitions of children's art.