

Boris Molodetski And His Distant Relative Ira Ghelman



This is me, Boris Molodetski, and my distant relative Ira Ghelman. This photo was taken in Odessa in 2003 in my home on the occasion of Ira's visit from Israel.

In 1992 my wife Lidia died of cancer. In 1996 management of polyclinic #15 of Suvorov's district where I was working made me to retire, although I felt like continuing to work. I am not religious and do not observe any Jewish traditions or holidays. I think that when former Soviet citizens demonstratively observe Jewish or Christian traditions, they are not sincere. However, I respect charity efforts of Jewish organizations. In 1998 one of my acquaintances who worked as a volunteer in Gmilus Hesed advised me to ask for their assistance. I did and they offered me aid at home. A social worker helps me to do my apartment. This assistance is very important to me considering my health condition. Besides, I receive food packages once per month. They deliver it to my home. There is a cultural center in the Gmilus Hesed where I read lectures about soviet poetry.