

Leonid Poberezhskiy And His Wife Zinaida



My wife Zinaida (nee Naishtut) and I, Leonid Poberezhskiy.

In 1952 I met my future wife. I was working at the library of the Academy of Sciences. Her name was Zinaida Naishtut and she was a Jew, but it was of no importance then. Zina studied at the Theatrical College. We met at the theater. We dated afterwards and got married in 1952. We didn't have a wedding party, just a small dinner for our relatives and closest friends.

Zina couldn't even hope to find a job after she finished college (this was at the height of struggle against anti-Semitism). My acquaintances helped us to find a job at the Saltykov-Schedrin library. She still works there as Chief of the reading hall. We continued sharing the same room with Zina's mother. In 1955 our daughter Lilia was born.

My wife and I live by ourselves. I am retired, but my wife still goes to work. It's not easy for her. The mother of our son-in-law helps us a lot. Her husband died recently and she lives alone. She is a very nice woman. She often visits us and supports us with the house chores. She is a big help to us.