

# Mina Smolianskaya's Uncle Shyka Polonskiy's Family



My uncle Shyka Polonskiy, my mother's brother, his daughter Adela and Shyka's wife Basia and their acquaintances in Odessa in 1930. My uncle sent this photograph to my mother.

My mother Haya, was born in Odessa in 1890s. I don't know her exact birth date. My mother had two older brothers, Ershl and Shyka and a sister, Tzypa. My mother was the youngest. Their parents died when my mother was just a child. I don't know why my mother's parents died. I know that my mother father's name was Zus.

My mother's brother Shyka moved to Vinnitsa from Odessa after his parents died. He worked there to support the rest of his family. In 1930s he returned to Odessa to reunite with his family. He stayed to live in Odessa. Shyka was a carpenter, married, had two children. He and his family perished during bombing in evacuation in 1941.