

Malka Zaltzberg



This is my mother Malka Zaltzberg. This photo was taken in Odessa in the 1950s. My mother was born in 1899. She studied at the Liberson private grammar school. The director of this school was a relative of ours. Later she studied at the grammar school of Shyleiko and Richter. My mother didn't get any Jewish education at home. She was the peacemaker in the family - she always smoothed conflicts between family members. In 1919 my mother finished a six-month course of medical nurses and entered the Medical Faculty of Novorossiysk University. She graduated in 1922. She became a doctor at the central tuberculosis outpatient clinic called White Flower. Later this clinic joined the Odessa Scientific Research Institute of Tuberculosis. In evacuation my mother was the manager of the X-Ray department at the Institute of Tuberculosis in Tashkent. In 1943 she defended her dissertation for the title of candidate of medical services and in 1947 she was

awarded the title of senior scientific employee. After returning from evacuation my mother went on to work as a phthisitrician. After my father's death she never married again. My mother was my first teacher in phthisiology. My mother died at the age of 90 in 1989 and was buried in the international cemetery of Odessa.