

## Roman Barskiy's Family: Father Israel Barskiy, Aunt Henrietta, Cousin Elena, Grandmother Tsypa



The Barskiy family in 1953 in Kharkov. My father has arrived in Harkov to visit his sister and mother. From left to right: my father's sister Henrietta, her daughter Elena, my father's mother Tsypa, and my father Israel Barskiy. I remember my grandmother Tsypa Barskaya, born in 1876. She knew Yiddish very well, it was her mother tongue. She was a very nice and kind woman. We visited my grandparents before the war. She was a very sweet Jewish grandmother. She was a religious woman. She observed all Jewish traditions, celebrated holidays and prayed at home. We usually visited my grandparents in the summer. I don't remember any of their celebrations. I have very sweet memories of staying with them. Their house seemed huge to me. There was a big garden near the house. My father's older sister Henrietta (her surname after marriage was Litovt), born in 1904, lived in Kharkov for a long time. Her first husband perished during the war. She got married for the second time in Leningrad. She was an economist. Her daughter Elena, born in 1939, is my cousin. Elena, her husband, and their two children emigrated to Israel after Henrietta died in 1990.