

Lev Drobyazko's Uncle, Mother's Brother Solomon Vaisblat.



My uncle, Solomon Vaisblat, my mother's brother. He was born in 1886 in Malin. The photo was taken in 1922 in Kiev. Rabbi Nukhim's third son, Solomon, became a dental surgeon. He graduated from the Medical Institute of Kiev in 1922 and later created the method of conduction anesthesia in stomatology. From the 1930s on, Solomon was Professor of Stomatology at the Medical Institute of Kiev, and after the Second World War, became pro-rector of this Institute. Solomon Vaisblat had a

large dental practice in Kiev both prior to and after the war. Moreover, he insisted that all of his brothers become dentists as well, and Kiev is very familiar with the dental dynasty of the Vaisblats. During the course of the Second World War - from 1941 through 1945 - Solomon Vaisblat worked as a military dental surgeon in the hospital at Stalinabad (now Dushanbe, in the Republic of Tadjikistan). Solomon conducted the first experiments with conduction anesthesia on himself, while his younger brother, Aron, helped him. Aron then was the second patient to experience the benefits of conduction anesthesia. Aron also became a dental surgeon. Two of Solomon's daughters also became famous doctors in Kiev. Both of them are still living. One is living and working in Germany, the other in Australia. Solomon died in 1965 at the age of 79, having left a huge number of students and good memories of his life.