

## Lev Drobyazko's Aunt, Mother's Sister Tsilya (Tsipora) Vaisblat (Medvedeva).



My Aunt Tsilya (Tsipora) Vaisblat (Medvedeva), my mother's sister. She was born in 1895 in Malin. The photo was taken in 1950 in Kiev. My Aunt Tsipa, Tsipora. Later, she was registered as Tsilya. After her marriage she became Tsilya Medvedeva. Despite her Jewish education and the Jewish

lifestyle at home, she, just like her brother, married a Russian. Her son, whose name I don't remember, went deaf after an injury at the age of 4, and since there was no special school for the deaf in Kiev at that time, my aunt and her husband moved to Leningrad where they could give their boy an education. It will sound strange, but that boy, being almost absolutely deaf physically, had an absolute musical ear. He played the violin wonderfully. Prior to the war, Aunt Tsilya gave birth to another child, a daughter named daughter Maria. During the Second World War that whole family stayed in Leningrad and found themselves in the blockade. The women survived, while the men - both husband and son - died. After the war, aunt Tsilya and her daughter Maria lived in Leningrad. They are no longer living.