

## Ania Lapidus And Mania Pinska



This is a photo of the Perelmut family from Moscow: my two aunts Ania Lapidus (nee Perelmut) and Mania Pinska (nee Perelmut). It was taken in 1954. Mania and Ania were my father's sisters. I don't know exactly where this photo was taken but it is signed on the back: "Kaukaz" - Caucasus, a region in the USSR. It could have been one of the seaside resorts. I have this photo from my family who lived in Moscow, they always sent me photos. My father's family came from Brest. They were more of a working class family. They all worked in the textile industry. In 1920, when there was a revolutionary committee in Bialystok the three of them, two of Father's sisters and the youngest brother left for Russia with the Red Army. My aunts, father's sisters were Genowefa, Fela, Ania and Mania. Mania married Naum Pinski. Ania's husband was Natan Lapidus. Natan also fought the Germans, as a senior lieutenant. He fought like the entire family did. None of them are alive. I met them in 1941, when Belarus was under Soviet occupation. That was when Father went to see his family, whom he hadn't seen for so many years. He was the oldest. And I also went there, to the Soviet Union, right before the war. And that was when I met one aunt, the second one, both are dead now, and my uncle Filip, who was in love with the Soviet Union. They all worked. There were no losses in the family, because of Stalin's regime. And he explained to me that he had a job, that he appreciated how they cared for workers, how they cared for people. When I got there, the first thing he did was show me Lenin, there in that mausoleum, then we went to see the Soviet officer's house, which was a very beautiful building. And he showed me Moscow.