

Yankl Dudakas And His Grandson Arthur Furmanovskiy



This is me, Yankl Dudakas, and my grandson Arthur Furmanovskiy. This photo was taken in Israel in 2002, at the synagogue in Beer Sheva, during my grandson's bar mitzvah. I always wanted to live in Israel, but each time there was something preventing my dream from coming true. When Jews were leaving Lithuania after the war, I was just a boy and was not in the position to make decisions for myself. I've always taken the situation in Israel close to my heart, particularly during the Six-Day-War and the Judgment Day War. It was particularly hard considering the bluntly negative attitude of Soviet authorities and the Party to Israel, and sitting at meetings I had to listen to the

flow of lies about the country that was my dream. My daughters must have taken in this love of Israel and implemented what I've failed to do. They both live in Israel. Inna, the older one, finished a medical school in Vilnius and became a medical nurse. She got married. Her married name is Furmanovskaya. In 1989 her son Arthur was born. Inna's marriage did not last. She divorced her husband. In 1996 she and her son moved to Israel. Her ex-husband moved to Canada. Inna lives in Beer Sheva where she also works as a medical nurse. She hasn't remarried, but she has a boyfriend. My grandson Arthur goes to school.