

Members Of The Komsomol Cell Of The Jewish School Of The Town Of Volodarka, Where Givand-Tikhaya Rakhil's Father Comes From.



Members of the Komsomol cell of the Jewish school in the town of Volodarka, where my father was born. The photo was taken in the early 1920s. Standing on the left is my father, Gersh Givand. The third man from the right is his brother Israel Givand, who was born in 1908. My father and Israel both were killed in the war in 1941. Fanya (the girl in the center of the photo) was murdered at Babi Yar. All of those pictured in the photo were killed at the front or in the occupied territories. An interesting incident in the life of Israel follows. During one of the pogroms, when Jews were being killed, a rich neighbor, whose name I don't know, hid his money in Israel's shoe. No one knows what happened to that man. He may have been killed, too, but this money remained in Israel's shoe. Once, when Israel saw that Denikin's soldiers wanted to throw his neighbor Lipa Novichenko into a well, Israel ran up to them and cried, 'I will give you money if you'll just let this man go'. The soldiers took the money and let Lipa go, and he bowed down in gratitude before my father and his brothers for the rest of his life; he also helped them a lot.