

Mark Golub's Mother's Sister Ruzia Illin



My mother's sister Ruzia Illin on a photo taken in Kiev in 1940. Ruzia was born in 1907. I don't know where she finished secondary school. In the mid-1930s she studied by correspondence at the Philology Department of Kharkov University, and graduated from it. She became a Russian language and literature teacher. She married Alexandr Illin, a Russian, in the mid-1930s. Her parents didn't disapprove of their marriage. In the evacuation in Orsk, Ruzia was working as a locksmith at the military plant. After the war they moved to Moscow. She worked as an editor in an advertisement department. Ruzia had heart problems and she died in the mid-1960s. Her husband,

engineer and lieutenant colonel Alexandr Illin, had died a few years before. They had two children. Their son Leonid, born in 1932, is an architect. He is married and has a daughter and a granddaughter. My aunt Riva looked after Ruzia's younger daughter Lidia, born in 1945, after her parents died. Lidia graduated from the Moscow Architectural Institute and moved to Israel in the early 1990s. She is married and has two children.