

Lidia Korotina



This is me, Lidia Matveyevna Korotina. This photo was taken for a poster in Kiev in 1985. I was born October 16, 1922 in Nikolaev. I went to a secondary school and was a pioneer. I remember wearing a red necktie. I knew that I was a Jew from the very beginning. I knew this because one of my grandfathers was named Haim, and the other was called Brodskiy -- typical Jewish names. I didn't notice any anti-Semitism at school, though, as there were Jews, Russians and German pupils in our class. When we transferred to the Russian school I sent my documents to the Moscow extramural institute of foreign languages. I was admitted to the 4th year. During the war, in Samarkand, I graduated from a military translators' school. After the war, I worked as a teacher and as a lecturer for the Philharmonic. I've always read a lot, including Jewish writers like Sholom Aleichem, David Gofshtein, and Perets Markish, but I was always more interested in classical art and literature. At present I am a member of the Veterans of the Stage and Deputy Chairman of the Council of the

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