

## Yevsey Kotkov's And His Second Wife, Fiera Kotkova



This picture shows me, Yevsey Abramovich Kotkov, and my beloved second wife Fiera (Firochka), whom I married in 1952. The photo dates from that year. After my first wife, Dora, died from breast cancer in 1952, I didn't know what to do. My distant relative Clara told me to marry Fiera. I knew Fiera already. She was a distant relative of my father and earlier, before WWII, had visited us in Kiev. She lived in Bahchisarai in the Crimea and worked as an accountant. She came to Kiev with some lout she was planning to marry. Dorochka told her to leave him because he wasn't a nice person. So now, Fiera was living alone. Clara wrote her that Dorochka had died and told her to

come. Firochka arrived ? she turned out to be such a striking beauty; I couldn't even dream about such beauty. She told me she would make a good wife for me. She went to work as a cashier at the October Palace of Culture. She had a good salary, but we still lived in that same small nine square meter room where I had been living before. At one point, the director of the factory where I was working came to visit us. He looked around and said that his bathroom was bigger than this room. Later it was possible to invest money into the construction of cooperative apartment. I invested 1000 rubles and we received a separate one-room apartment, and could pay off the remaining amount over 20 years. In 1973 Fiera also died from cancer. She was 52 years old -- she was born in 1921. Regretfully, I don't remember my first or my second wife's maiden name.