

## Berta Naimark With Her Sisters



This is my mother Berta Naimark with her sisters. Her eldest sister Ida and the youngest child of the Aizman family are not in this picture. They left for America in the 1900s. The rest of the Aizmans' five children are in this picture. From left to right, 1st row: my mother Berta Naimark, nee Aizman, and her sister Anna Feitelson, nee Aizman. Mother's sister Roche Strazh, is sitting in the arm-chair, Rebecca Dantsig, nee Aizman, and Fanny Olei, nee Aizman, are standing. The picture was taken in Paljasmaa in the 1900s. None of the children of the Aizman family obtained a good

education. My mother finished three grades of Jewish elementary school. I think that another four children had approximately the same education. The family was religious. Jewish traditions were observed. Sabbath and Jewish holidays were marked at home. Grandfather went to the prayer house on Sabbath and on Jewish holidays. Yiddish was spoken at home. The children grew up and flew out of the nest in different directions. All of them had families. Anna married a certain Feitelson. They had one son. Reize married Mayzel. They had two sons, Ber and Abram, and three daughters: Zelda, Raya, and I don't remember their third daughter's name. Both Reize's sons immigrated to Palestine in the 1930s. Rebecca married a certain Dantsig. They had a son, Abram, and a daughter, Dina. Roche Strazh had two children: daughter Dina and son Abram. Fanny married Olei. They had only one child- son Bernchard. Having got married all of my mother's sisters became housewives. When Mother grew up, she left Paljasmaa and moved to Tallinn to look for a job. Her married friend lived there and Mother moved in with her. Mother didn't have education, so she started working as a sales assistant in a kiosk on the market. She sold buttons, threads and all kinds of small paraphernalia for tailors. One day Father came by to get buttons. That was the way my parents met. Mother was a beautiful girl and Father had a crush on her. Mother was tall and buxom. Father was small and slim. They started seeing each other and in 1919 they got married. They had a traditional Jewish wedding with a lot of guests. It was very mirthful. Mother often told us about it.