

Zinaida Leibovich's Grandmother Haya-Surah Altman And Her Grandson Abram Altman



The picture shows Haya-Surah Altman, my mother's mother and my grandmother, and her grandson Abram(Abrasha/Abrashenka) Altman, the son of my mother's brother Munya. The picture was taken in Kamenets-Podolsk in 1941, before the war. Munya, my mother's older brother, was born in 1909. He became a professional soldier. When World War II broke out in 1941 he held the

rank of lieutenant and was sent to the front. He went through the whole war and finished it in as a major. His wife Fania and son Abrasha, who was born in 1938, stayed in Kamenets-Podolsk and were shot by the Germans in 1941. Their bodies were thrown into a sewer. My mother's parents also stayed in occupied Kamenets-Podolsk when war broke out, and my mother, in evacuation in Tashkent, didn't know anything about their fate. At that time it was already common knowledge that the Germans left no Jewish people alive in the occupied areas, and my mother had no hope of finding her parents alive. However, she kept praying for them and hoping for a miracle. But no miracle occurred. My grandfather Haim and grandmother Haya-Surah Altman were shot along with all other Jews in town including their daughter-in-law, Uncle Munya's wife Fania, and three year old Abrasha. We found this out after we returned from evacuation.