

Lev Mistetskiy With His Brother Mikhail Mistetskiy And Sister Polina Mistetskaya



My brother and I went to visit our sister in Taganrog and were photographed on that occasion. My sister Polina Mistetskaya and I are sitting and our older brother Mikhail Mistetskiy is standing. The photo was taken in 1972. In 1952 my sister married Ivan Antonenko, a Ukrainian man, from Taganrog. She didn't change her last name, though. Ivan was born in 1909. He had a house in Taganrog and my sister moved there. Their son Valentin was born the same year - 1951. Their second son Victor was born in 1958. Polina worked as a medical nurse. Now my sister Polina lives in

Taganrog. Her husband Ivan Antonenko died in 2003 at the age of 94. She lives alone: both her sons moved to the USA after the breakup of the USSR. I have no contact with them. My sister and I write to each other and I call her every month. My wife and I used to visit her once a year before, but now I have heart problems, and my wife fell ill with bronchial asthma. My sister has everything she needs for life, but she suffers from loneliness very much. My older brother Mikhail had a hard life. Mikhail got married after the war. I don't remember his wife's name. His older son Israel was born in 1950. His second son Valeriy was born in 1955, and two months later Mikhail's wife died. My brother never remarried. Mikhail worked at a construction site and sent his children to a children's home having no time to raise them. In the early 1990s Mikhail and his sons and their families moved to Israel. They live in Arad, Hadarom. They have a good life and no regrets for leaving here.