

Miriam Meyerovich With Her Sister Olga And Her Friends.



This photo portrays the Medvedevy sisters, as pupils of a private high school, with their friends. Miriam and her sister Olga are sitting in the first row, to the right. In the second row, sitting between them, is Iakov Meyerovich, the uncle of my future wife Marianna. The photo was taken in Petrograd around 1922. The Meyerovich family came from Pochep, located on the border of Russia and Ukraine. Their ancestors owned a private printing-house in Pochep. They printed books and magazines. All their sons and their whole family worked in that printing-house. They were considered a wealthy and prosperous family, middle-class for those times. They were someone who is called *“ukes”* in boroughs, which means cultured respectable people with a developed dignity. My father-in-law, Abram Semyonovich Meyerovich, was the elder son of Simcha, Kusiel's elder son. In 1923 he married his distant relative, Miriam Yudovna Medvedeva. In 1924 their only daughter Marianna, my wife-to-be, was born.