

Tevye Smolenski



This photograph shows my cousin, Tevey Smolenski – the son of Haya-Fanny Smolenski, my mother's sister. It was taken in Tel Aviv in the 1960s. Tevey Smolenski abandoned his studies at Tartu University and went to Israel in the late 1930s. He became a naval captain. His wife, Miryam, was a German Jew; her parents lived in a kibbutz in Israel. Tevey and Miryam had three children and several grandchildren. After the war Tevey visited Tallinn on a number of occasions. In the late 1950s he brought his mother on his ship to take a cruise around Europe. The last time Tevey Smolenski visited Tallinn was in 1991. He died in Tel Aviv four years later.