

Hanna Reznik



This is my mother Hanna Reznik, nee Shoov a few years before she got married. The photo was taken in Gaisa in 1924. My mother was born in Lodz on 7th September 1907. She finished five years of the Jewish school in Gaisin. It was an ordinary elementary school. My mother didn't continue her studies during the Revolution. It was a hard time. She didn't tell me much about this period in her life. She preferred to forget hardships. I only remember from what she told me that she and her sisters were running away from pogroms from one town to another. After the Civil War her brother Moisey moved to Moscow. After he settled down the rest of the siblings moved there, too: Israel, Boris, Shoil and Rieva. I don't know whether they were following Jewish traditions when

they lived in Moscow. I don't think they were. It wasn't quite safe and not popular. Only Aunt Mina and her husband went to Astrakhan. My mother stayed in Gaisin with her parents. Somebody had to look after the house and help my grandmother with the housework. My mother married my father Grigoriy Reznik in 1927.