

Grigoriy Reznikov And His Siblings



This is a picture of my father and his siblings, taken in Kiev in 1939. From left to right: my father Grigoriy Reznik, his brother Emil Reznik, his sister Anna Shoihet, nee Reznik, and his brother Boris Reznik. My father was born on 28th December 1905 in the town of Dashev, Vinnitsa region. When my father was in hospital during the war somebody happened to add two letters to his last name and that was how he became Reznikov. There were five children in the family. Anna, born in 1900, was the oldest. She finished a secondary school and entered Odessa Medical Institute. She had to give it up in 1920 since traveling became too dangerous because of all kinds of bandits around. She met a commanding officer in the Red army. He was a Jew. His name was Pavel Shoihet and she married him. Later they lived in Kiev. Pavel was the director of the biggest knitwear factory in Ukraine. They evacuated to Chimkent where Pavel was the manager of big light industry enterprises. After the war they returned to Kiev. Anna died at the age of 95. Her daughter Marina lives in Kiev. My father's brother Boris Reznik was born in 1910. After the Revolution Boris worked at a construction site and then he got a job assignment from the Komsomol [9](#) authorities in some commercial business. Before the war he was the director of a big store in Kiev. He was recruited to the army in the first days of the war. He was wounded and was awarded medals and orders. He finished the war in Austria. He returned to Kiev to join his wife Sonia and his daughter Mara. The war impacted Boris' character dramatically. He used to be a sociable man before the war, but after the war he became nervous and irritable. Boris died in Kiev in 1972. My father's youngest brother Emil Reznik was born in 1916. After technical school Emil entered the Kiev Institute of Light Industry. During the war Emil was in the army and his service was on the border where he stayed for a long time. His family didn't hear from him for quite a while and they thought he was gone. But he happened to come out of the encirclement and afterwards he continued to serve in the army for a long time. Later he became a teacher at the tank school in Chimkent. After the war he lectured at the Kiev tank school. He died in 2000.