

Dora Rozenberg



This is my mother Dora Rozenberg, when she was a grammar school pupil. This photo was taken in Yelisavetgrad in 1912.

My mother Dora Rahman was born in 1897 in Konstantinovka town of Poltava province. She graduated from a private grammar school for girls in Yelisavetgrad. Shortly before the October revolution her family moved to Odessa. There she was a member of the underground association of young Bolsheviks of Odessa for some time, as a result of her and her brother's common enthusiasm for revolutionary ideas. Once she was supposed to undertake a task with an underground group, but was late for their meeting at their secret address. There was an arrest that morning, and all the young revolutionaries were shot shortly afterwards. There's a memorial plaque at the location of the shooting in Preobrazhenskaya Street. My mother showed it to me and said that she survived only by chance.

In 1922, my mother entered Odessa Medical College and after graduating, she received a diploma in psychiatry. She met my father Mark Rozenberg in college.