

Marina Shoihet's Uncle Emil Reznik



This is uncle Emil Reznik (sitting) with a comrade. The photo was taken in 1942 on the front during World War II. My mother's brother Emil was born in 1916. Emil was at the Jewish boarding school in Nikopol. Later my grandmother wrote my mother that all teachers said he was very talented and he needed to go on with his studies. My mother and father decided to have their parents and Emil move to them. The three of them joined my parents in this small room. They settled down

somehow and got along very well. Emil went to work at the musical instrument factory when he was 14 and entered trade school. Later Emil entered the Footwear Technology Department at the Light Industry Institute. He met his future wife there. She was Russian. Her name was Zhenia Zhaboyedova. He married her and moved to live with her and her parents in their apartment. During the war Uncle Emil was a tank man. He drowned his tank and they were moving at night. It was a miracle that he got out of the encirclement and joined our army. He came to Chimkent for a few days and then he finished a tank college in Sverdlovsk and stayed there to lecture at the college. After the war Emil (and his family) lived in Kiev for many years, he taught at the Kiev Tank College. He died in 2000.