

Samuel Zeldovich And His Brother



This is a picture of my father Samuel Zeldovich (left) and his brother Aron Zeldovich. The photo was taken in the private studio Konosevich Nikolaev in 1893. My grandparents Solomon and Leya Zeldovich (nee Lichtenzon) had seven children: Rosa, Elizabeth, Boris, Leo, my father Samuel, Aron and Manya. The family was wealthy and all children got a good education. Aron was born in Nikolaev in 1890. Aron finished secondary school and a technical college in Moscow. During World War I he served in the tsarist army and was in captivity in Austria. He told his family that Germans treated him well when he was in captivity. He returned to Russia in 1918. Aron got married in 1921. His wife's name was Sarah. They had a son called Lyoma. In the 1930s Aron and his family moved

to Odessa where he was superintendent in a shop of the garment factory. After the war Aron continued to work as a shop superintendent at the garment factory. He died in Odessa in 1957. My father was born in Nikolaev on 20th September 1888. He finished a grammar school in Nikolaev and then a commercial college in Vienna. In 1914 my grandfather sent my father to Palestine to get familiar with our historical Motherland. At that time World War I began and all young people subject to recruitment were ordered to return to Russia. So my father returned to Russia. He was recruited to the tsarist army in which he served until the end of World War I. He returned to Nikolaev in the early 1920s.