

Victor Gurovich



This is my father Victor Gurovich at the age of five. This photo was taken in Odessa in 1912.

My paternal grandmother, Ethel Gurovich, was born in Kherson in 1877. She got education at home. In 1894 the family moved to the village of Matusov, Kiev region, where my grandmother met my grandfather Israel. My paternal grandfather, Israel Gurovich, was born in Matusovo in 1870. He studied at cheder. He spoke fluent Yiddish and knew prayers in Hebrew. My father told me that my grandfather was an estate manager in Matusov, but I don't know any details about it. My grandparents got married that same year they met. They both came from religious families and had a traditional wedding with a chuppah. Grandmother Ethel was a housewife. My grandparents

had six children.

My father was born into a religious Jewish family in Matusov, Cherkassy region in 1907. He was the sixth child in the family. In 1912 my grandparents and their children moved to Odessa, but I don't know for what reason. They settled down in Meschanskaya Street. Their other three children were born there.

My father finished seven years of a Russian secondary school and an accounting course. He worked as an accountant at the shoe factory.