

Lazar Frenkel And His Son Lev Frenkel



This is a picture of my uncle Lazar Frenkel and my cousin Lev Frenkel. The photo was taken in 1937 in Kaunas.

Mama's youngest sister Hilna, much loved by all brothers and sisters, was born in 1907. Hilna married Lazar Frenkel, a Jewish man from Kaunas. She gave birth to their son Lev, but she didn't enjoy her family life. She died in 1933. Her husband never remarried. He hired a nanny for his son. This lady became Lev's second mother. Lev and his father were prisoners in the Kaunas ghetto. They perished during its liquidation. I know that Mother had another sister, but I can't remember her name. She lived in Perm with Grandmother Genia and had two sons. One became an architect and artist, and the second one was a TV producer. They live in Perm, but I don't know them.

Lev was my best friend. We often played together. I also visited him, accompanied by my nanny.