

## Isabella Karanchuk's Uncle Lazar Sneider



My mother's sister Dora's husband Lazar Sneider. This photo was taken in Yalta in the Crimea in 1928 and sent to my mother for the memory. My mother's parents Yankel-Avrum and Cherna Ziskind came from Mogilyov. They were born around the 1860s, though I don't know for sure and this judgment of mine is based on my mother's brothers and sisters' age. The thing is there were 18 children in the Ziskind family! Four of them died in infancy. My mother's oldest sister Mata moved to America with her husband and sons Yankel and Boruch in 1914. Yankel was the same age as my mama - he turned 6, and Boruch was one year old. Of the remaining thirteen children I knew six, who moved to Kiev in the 1930s. I also heard about four others - so in total I can tell about 10 of my mother's brothers and sisters. My mother's sisters Olga, Dora, Sonia and brothers Mikhail, Zusia and Grigoriy lived in Kiev. My mother told me that grandfather Yankel-Avrum built his own house. There were four rooms in the house full of their children, grandchildren, relatives and friends. My grandfather earned well, but there were too many of them in the family and therefore, they lived a modest life. Though they had everything they needed for life, grandfather Avrum could not afford to give his children education. The boys finished cheder and few forms in the Jewish primary school and had to study vocation to help the family. The girls also studied at school. My mother told me that the family was very religious. My mother's sister Dora's Jewish husband Lazar Sneider had two daughters from his first marriage. Lazar was a logistics official and provided well for Dora. During the Great Patriotic War they were in evacuation in Siberia where Lazar died. Dora didn't return to Kiev after the war, but stayed where they lived during the war. Mama wrote her occasionally and I know that Dora died in the early 1960s.