

Maya Pivovar's Aunt Ida Chuzhaya (nee Freidman) With Her Husband Solomon Chuzhoy And Their Granddaughter



My mother's sister Ida Chuzhaya, (nee Freidman) with her husband Solomon Chuzhoy and their granddaughter, I don't remember his name, their son Alexandr's son. This photo was taken for my parents and I gave it to them for the memory, Rovno, 1959.

My mother's sister Ida Freidman was born some time in 1904. I don't know whether she had any education. In the 1920s she left Narodichi for Kiev and settled down not far from where her sister Sophia lived. Ida went to work as a seamstress at the garment factory. In the late 1920s she married one of my maternal grandmother's distant relatives. His name was Solomon Chuzhoy. Ida had a Jewish wedding with a chuppah. My mother laughed talking about Ida's wedding. She said Ida was already pregnant, when she was getting married, and either my mother or Sophia were standing under the chuppah on her wedding since it was an unsuitable situation with this pregnancy. In 1939 Ida's husband was sent to work in Rovno [324 km from Kiev], when after the division of Poland the Western Ukraine was annexed to the USSR. He was chief of the trade department in the regional executive office. After moving to Rovno Ida was a housewife. They had two children: a son and a daughter. Ida's husband was a soldier at the front line during the Great Patriotic War, from the first to its last day, and was at the avenue of approach to Berlin, when the war was over. Ida and their children evacuated somewhere to the Volga, to the town of Engels, I guess. She worked at a bakery there. After the Great Patriotic War her husband, Ida and the children returned to Rovno. He continued to work as chief of trade department. Ida was a housewife taking care of the children and the house. Her husband died in 1977. Ida died at the age of 89 in 1993.

Ida's son Alexandr and I were of the same age and we were close friends before the Great Patriotic War. Our relatives even wanted us to get married, but I didn't want to marry him. He finished a college in Rovno, I don't remember, which one. He worked then as chief of the inter town telephone

station. Now he lives in Germany with his family. They left in 2002. His younger sister Bronia finished the Polygraphist College in Kiev and stayed to live here. She was chief of technical editor office of some magazine. She didn't have a family. She died in April 2003.