

# Israel Shlifer's Father Iosif Shlifer With His Friends



My father Iosif Shlifer (in the middle) student of a commercial school, photographed with his friends during vacation in Rzhischev in 1916.

My father Iosif Shlifer was born in 1899. He received a religious education. He finished cheder and a Jewish primary school in Rzhishchev. Then he finished a Realschule in Pereiaslav Khmel'nitski. In early 1920s my father moved to Kiev and worked in the system of public education. He also joined the Bund. It merged with the Communist Party in 1920s. My father was a devoted communist for the rest of his life. I don't know how my parents met. I think they met through matchmakers that was a customary way in Jewish families. They got married in 1921.