

Israel Shlifer's Mother Rosa Shlifer's School Certificate



This certificate was awarded to my mother, Reizl Polisskaya to confirm that she finished a course equivalent to a grammar school for girls in Kiev in 1919.

My mother was born in 1900. The only daughter, she was everybody's favorite in the family. She finished a Jewish primary school and a school for girls. She had music lessons at home. She had Karl Bluthner grand piano bought particularly for her to study music. She also had German classes with a teacher that came from the German colony. In 1917 my mother moved to Kiev. She lived in grandfather Benjamin's apartment in Nizhni Val Street in Podol. Grandfather supported her. I think it was probably there where she met my father.

They got married in Rzhishchev in 1921. Although my father wasn't religious they had a traditional Jewish wedding with a rabbi and chuppah and everything else that had to be at a Jewish wedding. After the wedding my parents went to Kiev where my father worked at the department of

education and studied at the Faculty of Mathematics at the University. They lived in the apartment where my mother lived before she got married.