

Yuzef Kirtzer's Family



In this photo there is my husband Yuzef Kirtzer's family.

From left to right: my husband Yuzef Kirtzer in his childhood, his mother Mariasa Kirtzer is beside him, Yuzef's sister Sonia Rubinchik and my father-in-law Michael Kirtzer. This photo was taken in Dnepropetrovsk in 1927.

My colleague introduced me to my future husband. He was her distant relative. She gave him my telephone number. He called me, we met and liked each other.

He then proposed to me. We got married in 1965; there was no wedding party. We just went for a walk and when we were going past a registry office we dropped in and registered our marriage. We started our family life in my apartment.

My husband was born in Dnepropetrovsk in Ukraine. He finished lower secondary school and entered an art school. He was good at drawing. His family was of moderate wealth. They lived in a small two-bedroom apartment in the center of the city.

My husband's father, Michael Kirtzer, worked in a cultural center. He was a cheerful and joyful man. He had a big sense of humor and everybody liked him. He was hardworking and reliable.

His mother, Mariasa Kirtzer, sewed at home. She had a difficult and tragic life. At the beginning of the century she witnessed a Jewish pogrom in Ukraine.

A Ukrainian family gave shelter to her, but she could hear how people were killed behind the wall. It affected her psyche and never passed.

They also had a younger daughter named Sonia. She was three years younger than my husband. She was good at music and had a good voice, but regretfully, her family couldn't afford to give her education and her gift had no further development.

She took part in amateur concerts where she sang. Later, she worked as a medical statistics operator in a children's polyclinic.