

Maria Baicher, Frieda Goldina And Their Acquaintances



This photo was taken at my father's sister, Frieda Goldina's place in Moscow. It was taken on her 99th birthday in 2002.

She is the second from right. I am the first one from right - sitting. A former colleague of her husband is on her left. On the very left is our acquaintance Liya Gruzdenskaya.

My aunt Frieda Baicher was born in 1903. Her Jewish name Freida. Frieda shall turn 100 this year. Aunt Frieda studied in grammar school. She failed to finish the grammar school due to the revolution that happened in 1917.

My aunt was inclined to humanitarian subjects and she painted well. She took painting classes, but the revolution ruined it all.

Some time she worked in the All-Union society of cultural ties with foreign countries. She was responsible for organizational work.

My aunt knew French. She studied it in grammar school. She also had a good taste. Later she went to work as deputy manager of the fish industry pavilion at the agricultural exhibition. She managed its decoration. She invited the best designers to work there and the pavilion had a great design.

I once visited there and remember that they gave me a huge artificial fish. My aunt's husband, Matvey Goldin, was an engineer in the aviation industry.

They had a son named Yuli Goldin, who was born in 1941. He is a wonderful person. He became a doctor and in 1978 he emigrated to the USA with his family. He is very successful there.

I always wanted to be a teacher. I decided to implement this after I retired in 1992 and went to work as a teacher of geography at a school. I received a very low salary since I didn't have previous

experience, but I liked this job. I had training and studied at the Teachers' Advanced Training College.

I worked at school from 1993 till 1999. After six years of work I understood that it was good that I hadn't become a teacher. There are many negative things in our educational system.

There is a lot of tension at school, suppression of free development of personality - I didn't like it. I also taught the history and geography of Moscow. I like Moscow very much. I studied its history. It is also the history of my family.