

Mendel Kreimer At The Wedding Of His Cousin Brother Lyonia Vygartsev



This is me, Mendel Kreimer (1st on the left, 2nd row), my mother Surah Kreimer (standing, 5th on the left) and my sister Dina Villerman (standing 6th on the left) at the wedding of my cousin brother Lyonia Vygartsev. On the bride's left is my mother's sister Esphir Vygartseva and her husband Iosif Vygartsev. This photo was taken in Kishinev in 1939. My mother's older sister Esphir was married to Iosif Vygartsev. They moved to Kishinev from Russia. I don't remember what he did for a living. Esphir was a housewife. They had two children: Fenia and Lyonia. Lyonia was ten years older than me. Fenia was his older sister. She married Shafir, a doctor from Kishinev. He studied medicine at the Petersburg University. When the revolution began in 1917, he moved to Sorbonne in France. Later, he became a well-known therapist in Kishinev. Lyonia got married in 1939. There were many relatives there. It was a traditional Jewish wedding, but it didn't prevent Lyonia from divorcing his wife later. During the Great Patriotic War Esphir and Iosif stayed in Kishinev and were killed. Fenia and her husband evacuated to Alma-Ata. Lyonia was at the front. After the war they lived in Kishinev. Lyonia remarried a few times. We kept in touch with them. They have both passed away.