

Maria Koblik-Zeltser With Her Son Vladimir And Daughter Anna



This is me, Maria Koblik-Zeltser, and my children - son Vladimir and daughter Anna. The picture was taken by my husband in our apartment in Kishinev during the celebration of the New Year of 1966.

I got married in 1949. My husband turned out to be really talented. He started as a laboratory assistant and gradually became a well-known histologist. Having graduated from the Teachers' Training Institute he became an extramural student of the Medical Institute. I graduated in 1950. I got a mandatory job assignment in a village. But they didn't let my husband resign from his work and because of that I was permitted to stay in Kishinev. The same year, in August, I gave birth to a daughter. We named her Anna.

During the first years of our married life we weren't wealthy; we managed to get by just thanks to my husband's two jobs. When my baby turned two months old my maternity leave was over, and in accordance with the legislation of that time I was supposed to go back to work. My mother stayed with our little girl. I worked as a psychotherapist. As a matter of fact I have changed my working place. We were happy.

In 1962 I gave birth to a son and named him Vladimir after my brother Velvl. Froim had to quit his studies after our son was born. He began teaching at an evening school so he could earn more money. Father stayed with us for the whole time, helping me raise my children.