

# Clara Shalenko's Mother Zisl Finegold And Her Friends



They are my mother Zisl Finegold and her friends Gitia and Katia. From left to right: Gitia, Katia and my mother. The photo was made in Odessa in 1926.

I remember well two of my mother's friends: Gitia and Katia. They were Jewish and worked as doctors at the mental hospital. They often visited us and we got together to celebrate birthdays and soviet holidays: the October Revolution Day and the 1st of May. On these days we went on march with the red banners and Communist slogans, there played music, people sang songs everybody was happy. Afterwards the families with the friends got together at the dinner table. Gitia stayed in Odessa during the Great Patriotic War and was killed in the ghetto. I have no information about what happened to Katia.