

Ida Goldshmidt With Her Brother Semyon And His Family



This photo was taken at the dacha, when I was visiting my brother Shleime, or Semyon, and his family. Standing from left to right: my brother's wife Eta, my brother Shleime and I. Ida's mother holding their son Boris is standing. This photo was taken in the vicinity of Riga in 1965. My brother Semyon, a tinsmith, married Ida, a Jewish girl, in 1954. He had a traditional Jewish wedding. His wife was born in Liepaja in 1934. Her parents had nine children. During the Holocaust the family was in evacuation and they all survived. Ida's mother sent her children to the children's home fearing that she wouldn't be able to provide food for all of them. After the war they moved to Riga. Their son Boris was born in 1955, and their daughter Hana, named after my grandmother, was born in 1960. Boris was named after our mama, by the first letter of her name Buna. In 1971 my brother and his family emigrated to Israel. My brother Semyon and I were very close. Uncle Boris trained him in his vocation of tinsmith. Later my brother started working in his shop. My brother and I celebrated all Jewish holidays at my uncle Boris's place. He observed Jewish traditions and celebrated Jewish holidays. His wife was very religious. We went to the synagogue on all holidays.