

Abram Kopelovich`s Family In Vitebsk



This is our family. The photo was taken in Vitebsk in 1949. My father Isaac (Mordukh Idel) Markovich (Motl) Kopelovich (second from right), was born in 1901 in Dvinsk, and my mother Tsimlya Zalmanovna Beskina (second from left) was also born in 1901, in Vitebsk. Dad was a follower of Trotsky. He was a Trotskyist until 1928, and when Trotsky was defeated, expelled from the Communist Party and exiled from Moscow, that was it. Later my father was Iosif Stalin's ideological follower. And my mother told him, "Stop fiddling about with your Communist Party, I'm expecting another baby, who we are supposed to feed, by the way!" My sister Sofia didn't leave for Israel while Mum was alive. Mother died and my sister left. And then she died in Israel not long afterwards. We have a lot of relatives in Israel. My brother Lyova left for Israel in 1992 but he is not in this picture.