

Tevye Smolenski



This photograph shows my cousin, Tevye Smolenski – the son of Haya-Fanny Smolenski, my mother's sister. It was taken in Tel Aviv in the 1960s. Tevye Smolenski abandoned his studies at Tartu University and went to Israel in the late 1930s. He became a naval captain. His wife, Miryam, was a German Jew; her parents lived in a kibbutz in Israel. Tevye and Miryam had three children and several grandchildren. After the war Tevye visited Tallinn on a number of occasions. In the late 1950s he brought his mother on his ship to take a cruise around Europe. The last time Tevye Smolenski visited Tallinn was in 1991. He died in Tel Aviv four years later.