

## Maya And Misha Kurilenko



My grandchildren Maya and Misha Kurilenko in their home playing chess. I took this photo in 1996. They are fond of playing chess, particularly my grandson. He often calls me and says: 'Granny, we haven't played chess for a long time'. My daughter Nathalia was a school champion in chess. She taught her children how to play chess. Natasha works in the business department of the Tax Police Fund. I've never asked her how much she earns, but since she goes abroad with her children twice a year, and they have nice furniture and computers at home, and everything is super, I believe she earns all right. Natasha got married in 1980. Her husband, Alexandr Kurilenko is a chemist, a military, worked in the space industry and was responsible for fueling missiles. Recently he retired in the rank of colonel. He is Ukrainian, but his mother is half-Ukrainian and half-Jewish. My grandchildren are a mixture of Russian-Ukrainian-Jewish blood. My granddaughter Maya is a 4th-year student of the psychology department of the Jewish University. She is now working on a thesis on Jewish subjects. She studies Hebrew, the history of Jewish people and knows all Jewish traditions, though they don't celebrate Jewish holidays at home. The Jewry has returned to my granddaughter. My grandson Misha is a 3rd-year student in college.