

Leo Lubich's Grandmother Khava Gandlina



Khava Gandlina, my mother's mother, photographed in Kiev at the beginning of the twentieth century.

My parents, Pinkhus and Malka Lubich, were born in a small town in the Zhytomir region in the 1880s. I don't remember where they came from. I am over 90 years of age and have forgotten many things. The name of my grandfather on my mother's side was Leiba Gandlin. When I was born, only grandmother Khava was still alive. My grandmother Khava had no education. She was a housewife and raised children. The way I remember it, she was very old when I was growing up, or else she probably just seemed old to me. I remember her sitting in the yard playing with the children. My grandmother was deeply religious. She was too old to go to synagogue, but she prayed at home every day. She observed all the Jewish traditions and fasted at Yom Kippur. She died during the Civil War around 1918.