

Ida Zaltzberg



This is my mother's younger sister Ida Zaltzberg. This photo was taken in Odessa in the 1920s . My mother's younger sister Ida Zaltzberg was born in 1901. She studied at Odessa Conservatory with Oistrach and Dankevich. [Editor's note: David Oistrach (1908-1974): Soviet violinist, pedagogue, one of the greatest musicians of the 20th century; Konstantin Dankevich (1905-1984): popular Soviet composer, pianist and pedagogue. He taught in Odessa and Kiev Conservatories. In 1984 Odessa Music School was named after him.] Then she worked in the music school at the House of Scientists in Odessa. I remember my parents took me to her classes. In my memory Aunt Ida is a beautiful, well-dressed and bright woman. I associate her with the first symphonic concert in the Odessa Philharmonic that I went to. Her former fellow student Konstantin Dankevich was a conductor. After the concert he came to see us. He threw me in the air. He was a very tall man. I was about four years old then. Ida's husband Moisey Barero, a Jewish man, had a daughter from his first marriage. Ida didn't have children of her own. In 1941 Ida, her husband and her stepdaughter

were killed in the ghetto in Odessa. She was 40 years old.