

The Wedding Of Isaac And Tsimlya Kopelovich



These are my parents, Isaac and Tsimlya Kopelovich, photographed at their wedding in Vitebsk in 1922. My father was born in 1901 in Dvinsk, and my mother was also born in 1901, in Vitebsk. They were a handsome couple. They got married in 1922. They had a chuppah. My father's education was ?super-highest? ? four classes. And Mum had completed eight classes ? she wanted to study very much, but her father was very poor. Her uncle was very rich, but he wouldn't give the money for her education. I know only this fact: she wanted to study very much. My father was a soldier in the army since 1919. They were four brothers and they found themselves wives. The four Red Army soldiers remained abroad, they couldn't go back to Latvia after the Russian revolution. And here, in Daugavpils, there were seven relatives left, all ?Zionists? and ?super-communists.? 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!?