

Froim Weisman



This is my maternal grandfather, Froim Weisman, as a cantor in the synagogue. We didn't have one picture of him at home. My older brother, who was in evacuation in Central Asia during the Great Patriotic War, miraculously preserved this photograph. It was taken in Zhytomyr in the 1910s. My mother's family lived in a village near Zhytomyr. I think, it was Korostyshev. My mother's father was a cantor in the synagogue. My grandmother died before I was born, and I don't even know her name. There were two children in the family: mama's older sister Tsylia and my mama Mariam, born in 1889. Mama's parents must have been religious particularly since my grandfather was a cantor. I am sure they celebrated Sabbath and observed all Jewish traditions. I saw my grandfather once: I remember an old gray-haired man wearing black clothes and a black hat. Grandfather Froim died in the late 1920s. He was buried in the Jewish cemetery of Zhytomyr according to the Jewish ritual.