

Naum Baru's Great Grandmother Haya Dovner And Her Son Getsia Dovner



My great grandmother on my mother's side, the mother of grandmother Rachil Dovner, Haya Dovner and her son, my mother's brother Getsia Dovner. Rachil Barats, Nuhim's wife, nee Dovner, my grandmother on my mother's side, was born in 1877 in Bershadt, Vinnitsa region. My grandmother Rukha (Rachil) died in 1933 in Kharkov where she was living with her son and she was buried there, too. My grandmother had two brothers: Gersh Dovner and a younger brother Isidore

Dovner, and three sisters: Bella (Beila) Dovner, Evgenia (Genia) Dovner and Donia Dovner. The latter's last name in her marriage was Khazanova. Her husband Moisey Khazanov was a successful sugar dealer. All 3 sisters and their brother Gersh lived in Donetsk. Unfortunately, I never met them and have no more information about them. I remember Bershad of around 1929. I remember a narrow street, my grandmother Rachil and my old great grandmother Haya, her mother. There was a synagogue in Bershad. My grandmother told me that women were not allowed to come inside the synagogue and she came to the synagogue to meet her husband, my grandfather. I was a little boy then and I constantly asked "Where's my Granny?" I loved her so much.