

Hadassah Israeli



This is my aunt, my mother's sister, Hadassah Israeli, nee Klara Gorovits-Vaisbrot. The photo was taken in Riga in the late 1910s. My maternal grandfather had two or three sons, and his daughter Mina from his first wife. His sons were lost during World War I and the Civil War. Two sons from his second wife also died during the Civil War, somewhere near Yekaterinoslav, as far as I remember from my mother's stories. Besides my mother, there was her older sister Hannah, and Klara, who was named Keila in Yiddish. In Israel she took on the name Hadassah and the pseudonym Israeli. She left for Israel in 1922. She was one of the founders of a famous kibbutz. She died at the age of 96. She was actively involved in charity. People say that at the age of 80, during the Six-Day-War, she went to the front line to feed Israeli boys who fought there because they missed homemade food.