

## Luba Perelmut And Her Daughter Lena



This is Luba, Aron (Arkadij) Perelmut's daughter, with her daughter Lena. Luba sent me this photo in a letter in the 1970s, when Lena was a baby. It was taken in Minsk. Luba is Filip Perelmut's grandchild. It's my father's family. Father's family came from Brest. They were more of a working class family. They all worked in the textile industry. My aunts, father's sisters were Genowefa, Fela, Ania and Mania, and my father had two brothers: Filip and one more, but I don't remember his name. In 1920, when there was a revolutionary committee in Bialystok the three of them, two of father's sisters: Mania and Ania, and the youngest brother Filip left for Russia with the Red Army. Mania married Naum Pinski. Ania's husband was Natan Lapidus. Natan also fought the Germans, as a senior lieutenant. He fought like the entire family did. None of them are alive. I met them in 1941, when Belarus was under Russian occupation. That was when Father went to see his family, whom he hadn't seen for so many years. He was the oldest. And I also went there, to Russia, right before the war. And that was when I met one aunt, the second one, both are dead now, and my uncle Filip, who was in love with the Soviet Union. They all worked. There were no losses in the family, because of Stalin's regime. And he explained to me that he had a job, that he appreciated how they cared for workers, how they cared for people. Filip died in the battle of Kursk in 1941. Aron, Zncle Filip's son, lived in Minsk, in Belarus. He changed his name to Arkadij after the war; he went to law school and was sent off to Minsk to the army. After he retired, because he was born in 1922, he also worked as a legal advisor. After 1989 Luba left for Canada. Lena is an adult today, she works in a library, but I don't know exactly where.