

Abram Kopelovich With His Wife Anna And Daughter Nelli



This is me with my wife Anna and our daughter, Nelli Muller. The photo was taken in Riga in 1966, the year our daughter was born. Here's how I met my wife. I spotted her buying two tickets for a concert. So I told the woman selling tickets, Valya, "Hey Valya, I also need two tickets." And she says: "Abram, what, are you crazy? You never liked such performances?" - "But I want to see one

now? - ?Well, here you are.? So I went there with my comrade, and my future wife came with a friend, too. I invited her to dance although I wasn't an expert dancer. And she was a little bit offended to see me with my friend, because he was a lady killer. We didn't date for a long time. About ten times, half a year. She was the first Jewish girl who I liked very much. And that's it. I didn't even know from the start that she was Jewish. And when I found that out, oy - she is Jewish! - OK, it's high time for me to get married. And I have never regretted it. We got registered in 1965. My wife finished a Physics college here, and then worked at a prison school in Valmiera. Later she worked in another school as a teacher, and deputy director. She studied at post-graduate courses in Moscow. They didn't accept her at university because she was Jewish. But she found a job in the Institute of Improvement of Teachers' Qualifications. Later there was a vacancy of a scientific employee in the institute at the Ministry of Education. Soon she became the chief of the department of labor training - in the Institute of Pedagogics of the Ministry of Education. It was considered a prestigious post. Then she was invited to read lectures. Now my spouse is the Dean of the faculty of Pedagogy and Psychology of the Latvian University.