

Abram Karmazin, His Sister Manya And Friend



My 100th jubilee. My sister Manya is on the background. She is 96. In 1997 my wife died from stroke. I moved in with my sister Manya. Her daughter Ella is taking care of us. Perestroika began in early 1990s. I followed all events very closely. I do respect Gorbachov . He destroyed the empire of evil. I am very old now and reading is a problem now. But I look through Jewish newspapers with great interest. Chesed takes good care of us. I get invitations to various performances and concerts. They provide us with medication and food. I follow up the situation in Israel. Many of my acquaintances moved there in 1990s. When they visit Kiev I meet with them asking questions about this country, traditions and people and their life. They show photographs of the country. To visit Israel is a dream that can never come true. I've got some Russian newspapers from Israel and I enjoyed reading them. I've lived a long and interesting life, witnessed and participated in many events that have become history. I've lived in three countries: Russia, USSR and Ukraine, although I never went outside one region. I've seen various governments and regimes. I like it that Ukraine gained independence. People have their freedoms, they are not afraid of the authorities any longer, they can travel all around the world, speak and think about whatever they wish. We couldn't dream about anything like this. I must have done things wrong, but I am proud that in my 102 I didn't do one thing to feel ashamed of. I didn't betray anyone and I didn't give up what I believed in. I'm happy that you were interested in my life story and that someone else will read it.