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Dmitriy (David) Malaknov, born in 1965 in Crimea.
He was born in Krasnogvardeysk region, prior called Kurman, village Petrovka.
His mother was born 10 kilometers from this place.
His mother first worked in school, then she became a regional agriculturalist.
His mother always wanted him to have a Jewish family.
His mother understood Yiddish, but spoke a few words.
Grandfather moved from Herson region.
His mother only recently started following Jewish traditions, before she was a communist and
the family only celebrated state holidays; New Year, March 8th, First of May, etc.
Before there were synagogues, that look like regular houses.
He never attended services.
Now the synagogues have religious symbols.

This village used to be a Jewish collective farm “Sunrise”, it had a Jewish cemetery. Now they
bury everybody there. His grandmother and his father were buried there.
Men and women were all buried together. Unlike Russians Jewish people don't have traditional
Funeral Feast. His grandmother was bed-written for 14 years and she asked his mother to
follow Russian traditions.

His grandmother was a regular hard-working woman. Grandfather died in 1944.
He has many non- Jewish friends, his wife is Tatar, she is a Muslim.
His mother wasn't so happy about his marriage to a Muslim woman.
He visited Israel, but did not like life in Israel, because people were thinking about making
money all the time. People work very hard.
He visited all important historical places in Israel. He hates hot weather in Israel.
Georgian Jews, talk about Israel as their home land, but for him his home land is where he was
born and where he lives. He lives his job.
His cousin and her family built a good life in Israel, but eventually moved to Canada.
He heard that her son wasn't able to attend top military technical school, because his father
was Russian, Christian.
His wife does not follow any traditional holidays. His wife hardly speaks Tatar language.
Their daughter doesn't speak Tatar language.
He thinks that there is one God, nobody sees him.
He raised his children outside of any religious traditions.
He goes to a Jewish cemetery during Jewish holiday Yom Kippur, the Jewish day of atonement.

At the present time, the neighbors treated him very badly he had to built a fence.
His mother used to tell him to be tolerant to other people.