

Ol'ga Samuilovna Sandler

She worked all her life : in vineyards, in hospitals. Before she got married she lived in Krasnogvardeysk, where her brother and sister live now.

She receives free coal other parcels from Jewish organization Hesed. The parcels include medications.

She was born in Russia in Kursk, her parents moved to Yalta, Crimea, She met her husband after the war in 1945, his leg was injured. He was going from one city to another selling expensive fish - camsa. They got married in 1945. Her husband was born in Kirovograd, he was brought to Crimea as a child. His father was a blacksmith, in 1946 when starvation hit Crimea, his father took them to Georgia, the room was tiny but they survived. After one year they returned. Her father in law was very good and he made some money.

Her husband was Jewish. Her mother didn't want her to marry a Jew, his parents didn't want her either, they called her "Goya".

They ended up at the collective farm where her husband worked as a manager of tractors' brigade. He retired at 60 as he became blind. She is taking care of him now, he can't walk without help.

His mother was sick many times, her husband has gastro problems, may be it is also genetic, may be he has cancer.

His parents spoke Yiddish, she understood, but couldn't talk, she even knew some songs. She demonstrated one song.

Her husband speaks Yiddish. She doesn't follow any Jewish traditions, she worked all her life, his mother was cooking and treated her well.

Her husband didn't want to move from parents.

His parents were not religious people, they didn't have anything Jewish in their home.

They were poor, they had nothing after the war. Her father in law bought her white fabric and she made some night clothes. She even didn't have night gown, but they had a TV.

The father died in the hospital, his wife lived about 10 yers after her husband.

She was taking care of her mother in law, she was cleaning her bed and did everything for her. Her name was baba Galla, her Jewish name was Hana.

They were buried in the cemetery, not a special Jewish cemetery.

His father was placed on the floor then put in the casket. Jews don't put monuments, just a little fence. Both parents were buried side by side.

They didn't celebrate Jewish holidays. Now we receive matzah from Hesed.

Her husband doesn't believe in God he never prayed. Her husband doesn't care what kind of meat he eats. He has denture problems.

She has three daughters, they may be considering themselves Jewish, she doesn't really know. One lives in Armyansk, one daughter lives in Trigorsk, son lives in Cheboksar, he is 60 years old. The son didn't accept Judaism. Daughter Rosa goes to synagogue, her daughter immigrated to Israel. Polina and Gala are not Jewish. Rosa became religious, her daughter married in Israel. Polina's younger son wants to move to Israel. Older son moved to Israel, he and his family live outside of the city. He works but doesn't get much money, only place to live and food.

Many of their friends left for Israel, her husband says that he wants to go to Israel, but he doesn't have a memory.

Her husband's sister Sonya Batrakova she married a Russian man, who now lives in Cheboksar taught her Jewish songs and other things.