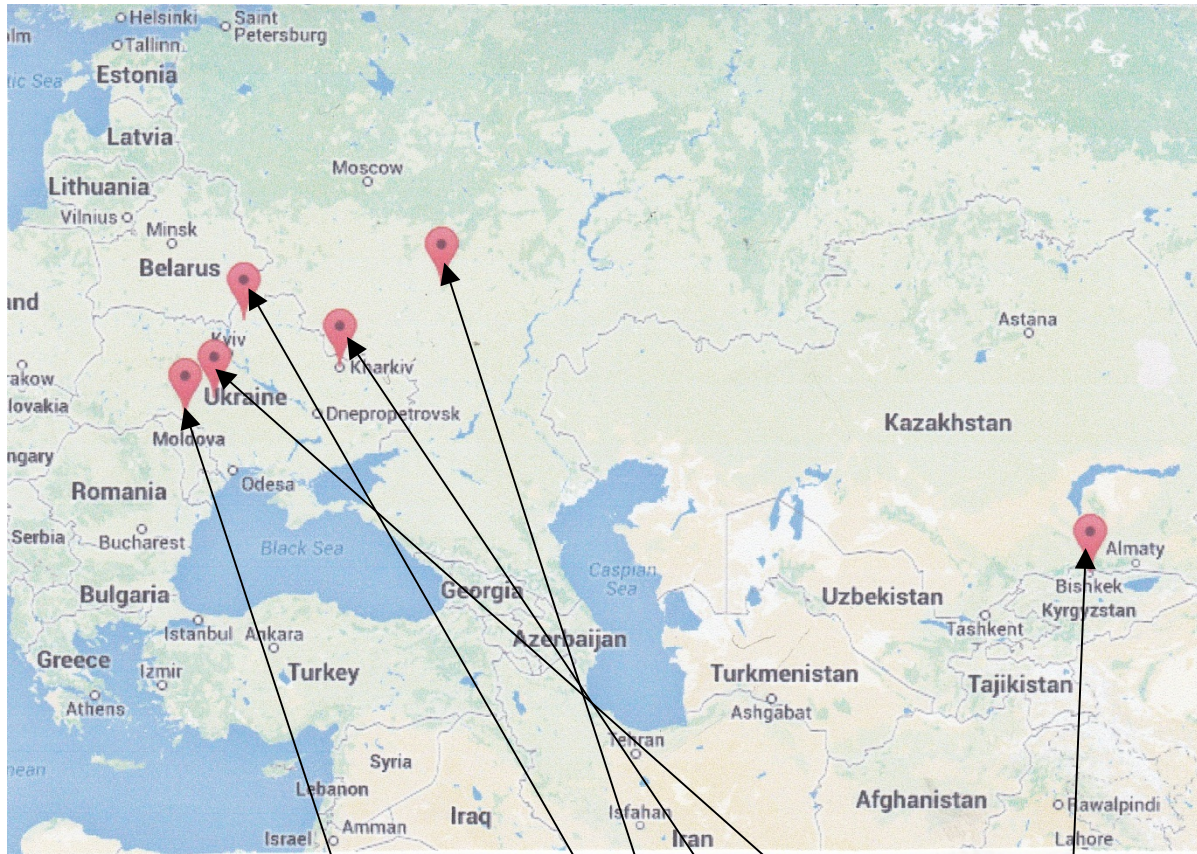


The fate of the four Maidenberg families living in the Soviet Union at the time of the German Invasion in June, 1941.



Joseph and his wife were interned in the newly-created ghetto/concentration camp of **Dzigivka**, the ancestral shtetl. Malkeh was murdered by German soldiers near the town where she lived, Yampol, 12 miles from Dzigivka. Joseph survived the war.

Malieh was in **Monastyrishche**, Ukraine. She fled to her sister Elkeh and family in **Chernihiv**. This was too threatened. Elkeh's husband Melech got them on a boat that went down the Desna River, which flows through Chernihiv. Melech and Elkeh and family went first to **Kharkiv**, which in turn was in danger. They split up, with Elkeh going to **Tambov** southeast of Moscow. The climate was poor and there was no work. So they went to Frunze (now **Bishkek**) the capital of Kyrgyzstan. There Fanya, daughter of Elkeh and Melech, finished her medical studies and went into the army. Malieh and her children found their way to Frunze as well, and stayed until the Red Army liberated their home cities.