

## Chaim Soutine and his Family

### *Summary*

Scientific, popular and biographical literature has used to create a fabulous image of the Parisian painter Chaim Soutine, his family as well as his relations with parents, brothers and sisters who after his death inherited the artist's works. Employing the available evidence, the article reviews Soutine's genealogy and his ancestral dependence on Pukhovichsky qahal. It also discusses his family relations while he lived in Russia and France. With regard to documentary and

oral evidence, the article comments on his parents' death dates, brothers' and sisters' names and life stories. It also mentions the Soutines descendants nowadays living in the US and Belarus. The article presents a new view of Chaim Soutine's early biography that was earlier presented at 2006 "Chaim Soutine space" exhibition arranged by the UNESCO in the Smilavichi Museum (Cherven district, Minsk region) located in the house where Chaim Soutine spent his childhood.

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