

Kler Anzhel With Yafa Anzhel



In the photo is Kler Anzhel - my brother Isak's wife - with their daughter Yafa. On the back of the photo there is an inscription in Kler's handwriting in ink: 'As a souvenir from Zhafika, 7th October 1930, Sofia, Mr Yako Anzhel.' The photo was probably taken in their apartment on Stefan Karadzha Street. My father died in 1932 and was buried in Sofia when I was eleven years old. After my father's death our family became very poor and we decided to move to Sofia. My two brothers, Isak and Hiskia, had already settled here. They were already working. They had their own deli shop and a little later they bought a winery. They covered some of our expenses but that was insufficient and I was forced to work after school. The financial situation of the family of my other brother, Isak, was better than ours, too. They had their own apartment on Stefan Karadzha Street, today opposite the Satire Theater and at that time it was opposite the Italian School. They used to live on the last

floor. I remember that they had a built-in fireplace in their apartment. His wife's name was Kler. There was an air of softness about her and she always had a smile on her face. They had two children, Yafa and Isak, who, when I wasn't at work, for example on Sunday, I would take to the cinema. Isak also used to help my family: me, my mother and Marko, with small sums.