

Yvonne Capuano-Molho And Charles Fix



This picture was taken on the 'Remembrance Day of Greek Jewish Martyrs and Heroes of the Holocaust' that took place on 27th January 2005, in Thessaloniki.

In 2005, I honored Mr. Fix. I had everything prepared already some fifteen or twenty years ago, but Mrs. Fix didn't want me to, as she told me, 'Mr. Fix is dead.'

Mr. Fix hid you, I had no involvement in it, whatever we did we did it for the best and I don't want any thank you. For whatever we did let G-d thank us.'

However, I had my dossier ready and last year was the celebration of the Holocaust in Greece for the first time and little Charles Fix, the son, calls me.

'Ioanna,' he says – I was called Ioanna Marinopoulou when I lived with them – and asked me, 'Why did you forget us?'

I told him that I hadn't forgotten them and that I would expect him at my place the next day. So he saw that I had everything prepared and I told him, 'Your mother didn't want it.' But he said, 'I do want it.'

It took me only eight months to arrange for it. I telephoned here, I telephoned there, got in contact with Yad Vashem and with Mr. Saltiel, if I recall correctly, and this year we celebrated the sixty year anniversary.

We went to Thessaloniki, because the celebration was held in Thessaloniki. The son, Charles Fix, came as well as my son and Mr. Prokopiou, the only cousin of Charles Fix.

He came especially for this occasion and left again the next day in the morning.

I had also prepared a little speech to give but I didn't in the end, as I was very moved and was crying.

And when it was over I turned my head towards Charles, he turned towards me, and we looked at each other and fell into each other's arms.

I can still hear the applause we received. Imagine, 2,500 people clapping. And when I saw Alik Mordohai, I told her, 'Alik, my child, I'm sorry I wasn't able to say a few words.'

And her response was that I did very well not to talk as, 'the embrace and the kiss said it all and it was more than enough.'