

Gustav Finkel With Rabbi Moses Rosen



The photograph was taken when rabbi Moses Rosen visited Botosani, and he wanted to send my son, Gustav Finkel, to France to learn Ivrit. The one on the right is rabbi Moses Rosen, my son, Gustav Finkel is opposite him, wearing a white kippah, the one standing between them is Vitinic, who was the president of the Jewish Community in Botosani, and the smiling person in the back is a certain Fichman, who also worked at the Community.

My son, Gustav Finkel, was born in 1958. He went to the talmud torah. There was this man, Haim Aranovici, who eventually taught him. I sent my son to study, and he studied. My son is very skilled at reading the Torah, he also performs the religious service at the synagogue. When my son was 16-17 - I don't remember what grade he was in, but he attended the Laurian High School -, rabbi Moses Rosen - who has also died - came to Botosani, and he wanted to send him to study in France, to learn Ivrit there. In fact, he knew Ivrit, for he learned it here, but... And my husband said he wouldn't send him there, that he should first go to university. He graduated the Faculty of Polytechnics in Iasi, he's an engineer. He served his military service before going to the faculty, when he was 18-19. He served in Buzau, he was part of the transmissions unit. He got married in 1992. His wife is Jewish, too, her maiden name was Beatrice Brif. They also had a religious ceremony performed at the synagogue in Botosani, I think Bruchmaier came from Bucharest to perform the service. I have a grandson from my son, Avi, he was born in November 1992.