

Tobiash Starozum's Nephew Benyum Rosenblum



My nephew Benyum Rosenblum (Shyfra's son). Photo made at kibutz in Israel in 1947 - shortly after they arrived in Israel and sent to me in Lvov in 1950s.

My father and sister continued working at the shop during WWII. Shyfra got married in Samarkand in 1944. Her husband Laibl Rozenblum was a nice Jewish man from Poland. He was a metalworker. His parents were very religious. But the young couple had a plain civil wedding ceremony. Nobody could afford a Jewish traditional wedding at this hard period. They rented a room near where our parents lived. In 1945 their son Benyum was born. Laibl's parents insisted on having the boy circumcised on the 8th day.

My parents moved to Germany from Poland in 1946. In Germany they received an allowance and moved all together. There was a very strict Jewish community in Chile. (South America) At the end of 1946 my parents and sister moved to Palestine. Shyfra's husband stayed in Chile and I have no more information about him.

Members of my family worked at a kibbutz in Israel. They didn't get any payment for their work, but they got accommodation and meals at the kibbutz. They learned Hebrew there. My father did some farming and made clothes. My mother and sister worked at the canteen. When their situation improved they rented an apartment in Bat-Yam. My sister still lives in this apartment. She lived with our parents. She and our father had some knitwear business. Our mother died in 1964 and our father died in 1973. Benyum grew up and served in the army and then became a worker. He is married.