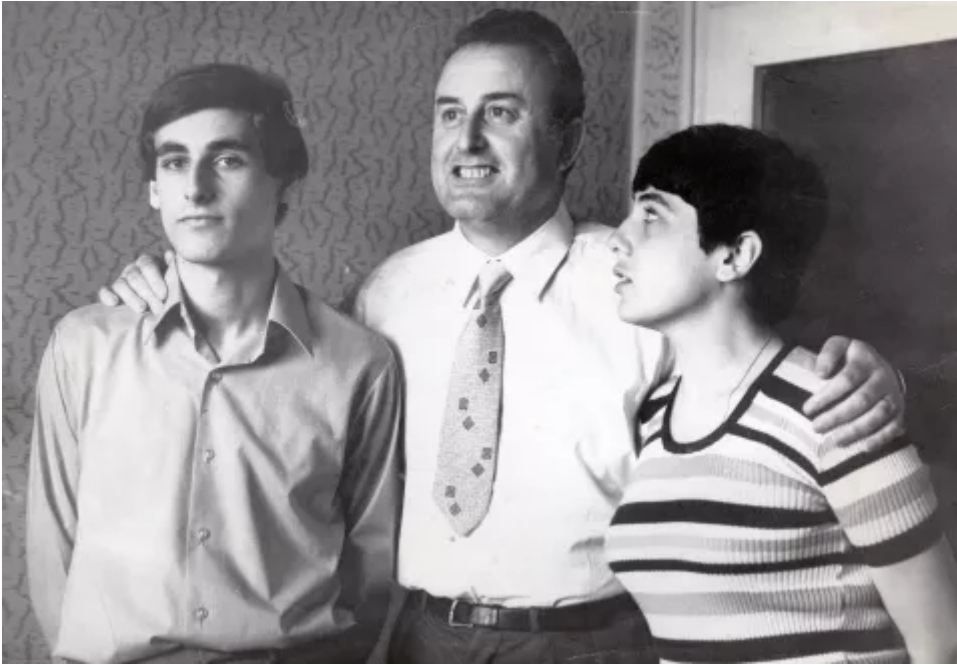


Eshua Almalech's Son Mony Almalech Has Just Finished High School



Here I am photographed with my son Mony and my daughter Zelma in Sofia in 1972. Both my son and my daughter feel Jews. My son is one of the best experts in Hebrew in Bulgaria. He completed a degree in Bulgarian philology at the Sofia University and specialized in the area of linguistics. He is a Doctor of Philology and he studied for three years at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Now he works in the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. He is preparing for print a Hebrew-Bulgarian and Bulgarian-Hebrew dictionary. He is also the author of a Bulgarian-Hebrew phrase book and scholarly articles on Judaism and Hebrew. My daughter Zelma Almalech completed her university degree in journalism with excellent marks in the Sofia University in 1974. While she studied at the university, she often worked for the Bulgarian National Television and the documentaries department wanted her to start working for them full-time. During that time there was a personnel department in every company, which researched every potential employee in order to find out if he or she is suitable. The research was done mainly for political reasons and for a media such as the Bulgarian National Television the selection was even stricter. They told my daughter that she could not work in the television as an editor unless she changed her name. She flatly refused, saying that she would find another job. But her colleagues and immediate editors-in-chief were very angry when they heard about that and after much insistence on their part, she was given the job. After some time it became known that there was a spoken order that the recruitment of people with non-Bulgarian names was not advisable, even though they were Bulgarian citizens.