

Aunt Buka's Family



This is the family of my father's elder sister Buka in the 1920s. From left to right is my cousin Reina, my father's sister Buka, next to her is Matilda and behind her is Nissim and my uncle Buko.

Buka had four girls and one boy. One of the girls went to Palestine illegally in 1932-33. She was followed by my aunt's son. At that time they were forced to go to Palestine illegally, using different routes. In 1939 my aunt Buka, her husband Buko and their children Reni and Mati decided to emigrate to Palestine, too. They took their chance with a small Turkish sailing vessel, which wasn't quite stable and somewhere close to the Turkish coast it sank. The whole family drowned. Only a few people survived this disaster.