

Shimon Danon With His University Colleagues



This is a photo of me with my colleagues from the university at the 40th anniversary of our graduation. It was taken in Sofia in 1982. Some faces, very interesting for Bulgaria at the time, can be seen in this photo. The second-to-last one is Iaroslav Radev, vice president of the State Council. On the opposite side is the future president of the constitutional court. Next to him is my professor in criminal law. There are at least 4 people among my colleagues who later became professors. I reached the highest levels of power. I was deputy prosecutor-in-chief of the Republic [in communist times]. It means that I was responsible for a whole department in the chief prosecutor's office. There isn't a town in Bulgaria that I haven't visited. There isn't a prosecutor in Bulgaria who wouldn't know me. I have appeared dozens of times on TV and radio with my full Jewish name - Shimon Eshua Danon. In my adult life I have kept my Jewish identity by regularly observing certain Jewish traditions, like Pesach, for example. As I am a member of the Jewish community in Sofia, I often visit lectures and various events that are organized by it. And, throughout the years, I have maintained regular contact with my mostly Jewish friends.