

Luna Davidova With Her Family And Husband



This is a picture of my family, taken in Kazanlak in the 1950s. From left to right: my father, Buko Davidov Katalan, my mother Sara Katalan, nee Bidjarano, my sister Beti Davidova, my husband Haim Levi and me. My father was a member of the Bulgarian Communist party but he was expelled in 1963 in Kazanlak because he stood up for a friend of his, an ex-military officer named Slavov. Later my father was invited to join the Party but he refused, he was very grieved. My parents lived in Kazanlak until 1966 when they moved to Sofia. My sister housed them at her place because it was bigger than mine. My sister, Beti Davidova was born in 1936. She finished the Kazanlak Girl's High School and after she graduated from Sofia University in History. She taught in Kazanlak and in the village of Alexandrovo where her husband worked as a physician for a while. Then she was a high-school teacher in Sofia and finally she retired as an editor with the publishing house 'Narodna Prosveta'. Her husband, Mois Nisimov graduated in Medicine in Prague and now he works as a pediatricist. They got married in 1958 in a civil ceremony. Their son, Ilya Nisimov, born in 1960, is an excellent doctor too - he is a neurologist at the First Municipal Hospital in Sofia. My sister was one of the most beautiful girls in Kazanlak, a very sociable person and she has many friends in Sofia - her home is always open for guests - Abraham's home as we say. And she is a public figure as well: she is in charge of the cultural activities of the elderly people in Shalom. I have been a chairwoman of a Jewish organization, WIZO [Women's International Zionist Organization]. I've been several times to Israel on account of this. Nowadays I am an honorary chairwoman of this organization.