

Avram And Jakov Kalef And Relatives



These are my two uncles and their wives. Seated on the right is Avram Kalef and seated next to him is his wife Vukica Kalef. Behind them are Jakov and Lenka Kalef. I don't know who the children are.

Vukica was my granduncle Avram's second wife. From his first marriage he had a daughter, Stella, and with Vukica he had Regina and Josko.

My granduncle Jakov and his wife lived close to us. In 1941 they took away some of my relatives before they came to us and told us to leave: for instance, David and Mile Kalef, Lenka's sons. David and Mile Kalef were picked up for these actions to clean the destruction from the bombing of Belgrade on 6th April. At one point they came home and then after that they never appeared again. I don't know what they talked about when they came home. We were already hidden. Mother told us that for some time they still came. David and Mile's mother, Lenka Kalef, poor woman, even went to the construction sites where they were cleaning and sometimes brought them some food to eat, until they took her away too. The whole family perished in the Holocaust.