

David Kalef's Fourth Grade Picture



This is my cousin David Kalef's fourth grade class picture. We called him Vican. The photo was taken in Belgrade in 1938. My cousin David Kalef always participated in playing with King Petar. I think the family must have had very high standing, if this was allowed. I remember Frutas when David also joined us. First everyone came for dinner. Granduncle Jakov came with his family and he conducted the whole ritual. Then we ate dinner. For dinner I remember, there was always fish with mayonnaise with boiled spaghetti. The children always got silk bags in all different colors. I remember red and yellow silk bags sewn from crepe-sateen. Inside there was everything possible: different fruits and tons of chocolate candies. This was the most interesting for us. And then we quickly went into the other room. There we traded candies: I give you the yellow one, and you give me this one? This was the most wonderful day, the most divine holiday.