

Jakov Kalef And Family Members



This is my granduncle Jakov Kalef with his immediate family and other relatives. The photo was taken in Belgrade.

From left to right are: Regina Eskenazi (nee Kalef), and her mother Vukica Kalef, David Kalef and Mile Kalef, Jakov Kalef, Lenka Kalef (nee Almozlino) and a girl who I don't know.

Regina is one of my few relatives to survive World War II. She married a Bulgarian man named Isak Eskenazi and they lived out the war in Bulgaria.

David and Mile were the sons of my paternal granduncle Jakov and Lenka Kalef. They 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. David and Mile 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.