

## Sharlota Levi's Wedding Photo



The photo shows my younger sister, Sharlota Levi (nee Farhi), on the day of her wedding. It was probably taken in a studio in Sofia in 1942. Sharlota was born in 1919. She graduated from a vocational school, but I do not remember where. She married Nissim Levi in 1942-43. They lived in Sofia and had two children, Avram and Ernestin. The whole family left for Israel in 1949. Despite the early death of her husband in Israel, Sharlota did not start working and chose to remain a housewife. Rabbi Hananel, who arranged the marriage between Senyora and Rafi Kohen, also

arranged the marriage of my younger sister. We were somehow related to the Hananel family. My mother shared with him that my sister could not find a husband in Shumen, and he said, "send her to me." My sister stayed at his place for three months. Life in Sofia at that time was hard for Jews. Their movement around town was limited, but Rabbi Hananel and his family showed my sister everything. This included the nightlife, even in spite of the curfew that existed at the time. I even remember my sister telling me that the nightclubs were open for Jews from 4 until 7 am, so that the wealthiest Jews could see the shows and give them their money. It was in one such place that she met her future husband, Nissim Levi. Their wedding was subsequently held in the Sofia synagogue, and she left to live in Sofia soon thereafter. Unfortunately, I was not present at the wedding because we were not allowed to travel at that time.