

Matilda Israel's Family And Relatives



This is a family photo, taken in Karnobat in 1923. From left to right in the back row is my sister Buka with her husband Shalom (I don't know his family name) and below them is their daughter Matilda. Next to them is my sister Sophie with her husband Rabenu (This was her first husband. Her second husband is Shimon. I don't know their family names). Next to them on the right are the newly-married Liza and my brother Sabetay. Behind them is my brother Jacques. Next to them is my sister Ana with her husband Albert Behar. In the front, second from left is my father Meshulam Israel holding me in his hands, below us is my brother Albert and next to my father is my mother Rebecca Yulzari, nee Perets. Below her is my half-brother Haim Benaroya. My father met my mother by accident, at the kiosk where she sold cigarettes. Gradually, he persuaded her to marry him and together they moved to Karnobat taking my half-brother Haim with them. My father's first wife passed away. I don't know the exact cause, but I know that she had been bedridden for quite some time, because my sisters used to tell me how they did all the household chores then. From his first wife my father had six children - Sabetay, Jacques, Sophie, Buka, Ana, Albert.