

Menahem Josifov



This is a photograph of my husband Menahem Josifov during the internment in Byala Slatina in 1944. He is wearing the Jewish star on that photo. My husband's father, Israel Menahem, was an important egg merchant - he exported production wholesale to Austria. He lived in the town of Pleven. There was such a concurrence of circumstances that he went bankrupt and died. His family moved to Sofia in 1935. They rented a lodging in the town and started to work. My husband and I met each other in the choir of the synagogue where we both used to sing. The Jewish choir was a meeting place for young Jews. My husband and I met each other in the choir of the synagogue

where we both used to sing. I married him on 30th June 1945. Our marriage was one of the first civil marriages in Sofia. Our love lasted and we waited for several years for each other while we were interned from Sofia. My family was interned in Kjustendil and his in the town of Byala Slatina in North Bulgaria. My husband was sent to forced labour in a labour camp close to the town. He worked in road construction. His work was very hard. His family lived a very miserable life there. I did my best to help my future husband's family and sent them parcels with food and clothes.