

Maurice And Yvette Leon With Their Children And Grandchildren



This photograph was taken at my granddaughter Etty's bat mitzvah in the Synagogue of Athens in 2002. From right to left: my son Sakis, my granddaughter Yvi, I, Maurice Leon, my granddaughter Etty, my wife Yvette Leon, nee Beza, Sakis's wife Nelly Natzari, my son Andreas and his wife Mariza. In front of us are our younger granddaughters Miriam on the right and Natalie on the left. I have two sons. Our older son, Isaac-Sakis, was born in 1957 and our younger one, Barouch-Andreas, was born in 1959. Our children got married immediately after their studies. They met their future wives while they were studying in Israel. And when they came back they got married. Both wives are Jews from Greece. We have four granddaughters, two from each son. Sakis is married to Nelly Natzari, daughter of my friend Marsel. Nelly was born in 1957. They have two daughters, Yvi, born on 3rd November 1987 and Miriam, born on 8th December 1990. Andreas is married to Mariza and their daughters are Etty, born on 5th April 1989, and Natalie, born on 14th October 1992. We meet our granddaughters very frequently. Every Saturday they come with their parents for lunch at our house. It is a tradition we've always had. Sometimes we go for a walk together. Our grandchildren were raised with more Jewish education than what we had offered to our children. Something that impressed me is that although we have placed the Mezuzah inside our house, our sons have placed it outside. They feel more Jewish than we feel. We are still afraid after what we went through. Our children are not. All our granddaughters had their bat mitzvah.