

Papo Family Picture, On Vacation



The photo was taken in Makarska in 1961 while the family was visiting my mother Rifka Papo. First row from left to right: my sister's daughter Blanka Kabiljo, my sister Sara Kabiljo, my cousin Slavko Stajner, my mother Rifka Papo, my mother in law Danica Jovanovic, another cousin Sarika Sara Stajner, my wife Ljiljana Papo and me. Second row, from left to right: my sister's other daughter Rifka Kabiljo, my son Bojan Papo, my daughter Vedrana Papo, and a cousin Dona Levi.

In '49 I married. When I married Ljiljana, no one in my family complained that she was not a Jew. In '51 our son Bojan was born, and in '54 our daughter Vedrana was born. At that time I enrolled in the law school. I passed Latin and the other tests that I did not have in the secondary school and I began to study law. I graduated three and a half years later. I continued to work in the state police. However at this time the Rankovic affair surfaced (then a high level functionary in the Communist Party), so that I could easily lose my job. I decided to pass the state test and I began working at the court, first registering cases and mail and I listened to cases. I spent 9 months at the court. In '68 I retired in January and in June I passed the bar exam. I began working as a lawyer and after a few months I started to work for the "Dunav" insurance company. I left this company when I understood that the work was not entirely honest. You know, before the war we were all raised in the spirit of honesty. In '82 I retired again. And again I began to work as a lawyer which I still do today.