

Pascal Moise With His Brothers Carol And Moritz



These are three of my mother's brothers: Carol Moise (standing), Pascal Moise (first from right) and Moritz Moise (first from left), who changed his name to Hoffman. The photo was taken in Iasi in the 1920s.

My mother had a sister, Betty Madrisovici (nee Moise), and four brothers: Carol Moise, Pascal Moise, Moritz Moise and Strul Moise. Moritz left for London where he had a ready-made clothes shop. At some point he changed his name from Moritz Moise to Moritz Hoffman which means 'hope-man.' Strul and Pascal remained in the country where they had an alehouse. Betty lost her husband, Marcu Madrisovici, and their three sons – Strul, Iancu and Lupu – in the Iasi pogrom.