

Solomon Mizrahy



This is my uncle from my father's side, Solomon Mizrahy, taking a walk in the streets of Bucharest. The photograph was taken in 1931, near the Izvor bridge across the Dambovită River. In the background, you can see the stately headquarters of an insurance company.

Solomon Mizrahy, my father's youngest brother, was born in 1909 in Bucharest. He was a chemical engineer, just like his wife, Odette Mizrahy [nee Steinbach], who became a PhD in chemistry in Israel. They immigrated to Palestine in 1944. Their only child, Alma Gal [nee Mizrahy], was born in 1946. Solomon was a Zionist and worked a lot for the *Sohnut*, being in charge of the integration of

the newcomers to Israel. In this quality, he used to be sent abroad, to South America and Europe. He was the most religious of the Mizrahy brothers, he took a very active part in the religious life, but he never covered his head. I remember him at the tomb of my parents, in 1976, soon after my mother's death; he didn't let us hire someone, but read the prayers himself.

He lived in Tel Aviv, but died in Jerusalem in 1979, while he was visiting his daughter. She became a PhD in chemistry and worked for the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. She has two boys. She also had a daughter, but she died of leukemia at the age of five.