

Alma Gal And Solomon Mizrahy



This is a photograph of my father's youngest brother, Solomon Mizrahy, together with his little daughter, Alma Gal [nee Mizrahy], who was born in Israel in 1946. The picture was taken in Tel Aviv in 1946.

Uncle Solomon 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, was born in 1946. Solomon was a Zionist and worked a lot for the Sochnut, 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.

Alma 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. Alma died of leukemia in Jerusalem in 1998. Odette died of cancer in Tel Aviv in March 1998, six weeks after she buried her daughter.