

Stella Kawe In Israel



On this photo, you can see my sister Stella at the time she had already moved to Israel with her husband Izydor. This photo was taken in Haifa, where she still lives today.

My sister Stella got married here in Poland, to a man who once, before the war, worked for my father - Izydor Kawe. Several years after getting married, I don't remember exactly but I think it was 1950, they emigrated to Israel and settled in Haifa. My brother-in-law died in a car accident over 20 years ago, and my sister still lives there, has two children, six grandchildren, and two great-granddaughters.

I visited my sister and her family many times. First time I went there in 1957, and the last time so far has been in 1998. Me and my wife went for all the weddings, bar mitzvahs, and other special occasions. Besides, the cousin that lived with me here after the war emigrated to Australia. He is 95 today, so he comes no longer to Poland, but in the past he used to come to Walbrzych very often.

During a certain period in my life I thought about emigration. I was afraid, however, that we were a mixed marriage, without proper education, and that it would be difficult for us to establish a new life in Israel. Besides, my relatives in Israel weren't so well-off and simply didn't notice certain things. In particular the difference between capitalism and socialism, a difference we are able to notice today. It seemed to me it would be difficult for us to adapt to life in Israel. Later we had some opportunities to go to Australia, but we decided against it because of my mother-in-law, who would have been left completely alone here.